

Escaped Prisoner Takes Pistol From FBI Agent

An escaped prisoner overpowered a Federal Bureau of Investigation agent trying to arrest him in his home on Gordon st. near 31st yesterday, took the agent's pistol and fled out the back door.

The suspect, Harold Bryant, 38, was arrested a short time later by two Fairmount Park policemen who subdued him

after a struggle in a vacant house at 3029 N. Dakota st.

Bryant escaped April 13 from Philadelphia General Hospital where he was being treated for a stomach ailment after having been in the Center City Detention Center, 21st st. and Fairmount ave.

He was arrested last month by federal agents and postal inspectors for stealing

mail. He allegedly stabbed and wounded a federal officer during the arrest.

Yesterday, the FBI got word that Bryant was back at the Gordon st. address. Agents David Rack and Terrill McLaughlin went to the house at 4.30 P.M. and found Bryant hiding in a second-floor bedroom.

While McLaughlin went outside to their car to call for

transportation for the prisoner, Bryant jumped Rack, police said, took the agent's .38-caliber service revolver and fled.

Park policemen Charles Vincente and Richard Gillin found the man in the vacant house. They said Bryant pointed the pistol at them but they subdued him. The suspect was treated at PGH for a scalp cut and released.