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Last Boston Marathon victim leaves hospital 100 days later

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USPA News - The last person who remained hospitalized after the Boston Marathon bombings was discharged from hospital on Wednesday, exactly 100 days after the twin bomb blasts killed three people and wounded more than 260 others. Tim Sullivan, a spokesman for Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital in Boston, said 34-year-old Marc Fucarile was discharged from the facility at approximately 11:30 a.m. local time on Wednesday.

He was joined by his family and clinical team as he went home for the first time since April 15th. Fucarile, while in the company of several friends, was critically injured when the second bomb exploded, just seconds after the first about a block away. He lost most of his right leg, broke bones in his left leg and foot, broke his spine, ruptured both his eardrums and suffered severe burns and shrapnel wounds. "Today marks the 100th day of me in the hospital, not being able to spend the night with my boy or fiancée. You know, it's been tough," Fucarile, who wore a "Boston Wicked Strong" t-shirt, told WCVB-TV. "I, like many other survivors, still have more surgeries and other procedures to go through." During his stay in hospital, Fucarile underwent a total of 49 surgical procedures during 16 trips to the operating room. "I'll be needing prosthesis and adaptation for the rest of my life, like many others from that day," he said, adding that the thoughts about his 5-year-old son and fiancée, as well as messages from well-wishers, encouraged him to stay strong. The discharge came exactly 100 days after Chechen brothers Dzhokhar and Tamerlan Tsarnaev allegedly detonated two explosive devices near the finish line at the Boston Marathon, killing three spectators and injuring 264 others. Tamerlan was killed during a gunfight with police several days later while Dzhokhar was taken into custody and faces 30 federal counts related to the attack.

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