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PRISONER ESCAPES FROM CORRECTIONAL CENTER

Tonight shortly after 8:00 p.m. Department of Corrections Officials from York Correctional Center in Niantic reported to Connecticut State Police that an inmate had escaped from this minimum-security facility. State Police responded to the facility and initiated an immediate search of the area utilizing State Police K-9 teams and helicopter.

Troopers developed information and evidence while tracking the escapee. State Police Investigators determined that a male friend of the escapee knowing that she was a prisoner had assisted her in avoiding capture by State Police. This subject was taken into custody. Troopers were also able to determine that the female escapee was in the New London area.

Escapee: KRIPPS, Darlene DOB:07/29/64
LKA 69 Roxbury Rd. Niantic, CT.

Anyone having any information as the location of the escapee is asked to contact Connecticut State Police. All information will be held in strictest confidence.

Arrested this evening during the investigation into this escape is KENN, Joseph W. DOB:01/26/23 69 Roxbury Rd. Niantic, CT. Kenn was charged with Hindering Prosecution 2nd. He is being held at Troop-E Montville on \$10,000 bond. KENN will appear at GA #10 New London on 08/10/04 at 9:30 a.m.

The case remains under investigation as the search for the escapee continues.

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