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PRISONER ESCAPES BRIEFLY FROM CORRECTIONAL FACILITY

Today 05/11/2004 at approximately 6:26 a.m. Connecticut State Police Troop-C Tolland was notified by the Dept. of Corrections Bergin Correctional Center Rt. 44 Mansfield, Ct. of a prisoner that had just escaped from the facility. He escaped by scaling the fence surrounding the Correctional facility. A physical description of the escapee was broadcast to all State Police personnel and surrounding police agencies. State Police K-9 teams and Trooper 1 the State Police helicopter all responded to the area to initiate a search. Correction Officials utilized the local notification system to alert the neighbors of the escape.

Tpr. Ronald Richardson spotted the escapee near Thompson's General Store on Rt. 44. Tpr. Richardson gave chase on foot. The escapee ran along the railroad tracks with Tpr Richardson in pursuit. Additional Troopers surrounded the area of the foot pursuit to contain the escapee. Coventry and Uconn Police were advised of the pursuit and assisted in surrounding the area.

At 6:47 a.m. State Police Troopers and Uconn P.D located the escapee. He was hiding in an unlocked vehicle behind #115 Depot Road in Mansfield. He was taken into custody without incident. The escapee was transported to Troop- C where he was processed and held on \$500,000 bond.

Due to the extraordinary communication between all involved Dept of Corrections, Public, State and Local police the escapee was located within 30 minutes of his escape.

ACCUSED: NELSON, Bruce DOB: 11/05/71

12 Sutton Place
Agawam, Ma.

CHARGES: Escape from a Correctional Institute

Burglary 3rd (entering unlocked car)
Interfering with Police

Accused will be presented in Superior Court GA #19 in Rockville today

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