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Updated Press Release – 11/20/17 at 11:00 a.m.

Escape Date: November 19, 2017 2:30 P.M.

Escaped Inmate “Armed and Dangerous”



Inmate: Shane Anthony Vernon

Race/Sex: W/M

Date of Birth: July 25, 1990

Height: 5' 07”

Weight: 130lbs

Identifying Features: Tattoo – right fist “ride or die”, right forearm- writing, right neck- Chinese symbol, left shoulder blade “County”

DETAILS: On November 19, 2017 at approx. 2:30 p.m., Shane Anthony Vernon an inmate in the custody of the Coosa County Jail escaped from custody. An investigation revealed that Vernon was allowed out of his cell to use the inmate telephone system. While Vernon was using the phone, he noticed that the Correctional Officer on duty had failed to properly secure one of the doors in the area of the jail he was in. Vernon was able to go through this door and gain access to the maintenance area in the ceiling of the jail, where he went around the remaining four security doors and fled the facility. After his escape Vernon broke into a home on Hwy 231 in Rockford, AL where he robbed the residents, tied them up, and fled the scene in their 2016 Ford Fusion. It was reported that Vernon abandoned the vehicle near Living Water Baptist Church on Elmore County Road 80 just south of the Coosa County/Elmore County Line, where he fled into the woods on foot. Many hours of a coordinated joint search was conducted with the Coosa County Sheriff's Office, Elmore County Sheriff's Office, Alabama Law Enforcement Agency(ALEA), the State K-9 Tracking Team, the ALEA Aviation Unit, and the United States Marshall's Office. The search party revealed that Vernon had stolen a small red mini bike from a residence in the area and continued to avoid capture. The search was then turned over to the United States Marshall's for a nationwide search. Felony warrants for Unlawful Imprisonment 1st, Robbery 1st, Theft of Motor Vehicle 1st, and Escape 2nd have been obtained.

An internal investigation is being conducted regarding the actions of the Correctional Officer.

IF YOU HAVE ANY INFORMATION CONCERNING THE LOCATION OF THIS ESCAPEE, PLEASE NOTIFY THE COOSA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE IN ROCKFORD, AL 256-377-2211, OR YOUR LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY.

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