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2 State Escapees Captured, Face Charges

JACKSON, MISS. – The search is over for two state inmates who escaped the Wilkinson County Community Work Center in Woodville.

Bobby Charles Morgan, 23, and Caleb Andrew Johnston, 20, were captured separately Wednesday afternoon without incident in the same Harrison County area. Both men were discovered missing Tuesday afternoon. They will be returned to prison and will face additional charges, including escape.

Using investigative techniques, MDOC officers traced the two men to a home in a mobile home park off Mississippi Highway 15 in D’Iberville. Morgan was quickly arrested. Johnston ran out the back of the home into woods and was captured later with the help of K-9.

How the men escaped is part of an active ongoing investigation.

In addition to facing an escape charge, Morgan and Johnston also are suspected in the theft of a commercial vehicle in Feliciana Parish, La. The vehicle was found stuck in mud off Mississippi 67 in Harrison County before the men’s capture.

Since 2016, Morgan, MDOC #210248, has been serving 11 years for four counts of burglary in Harrison County.

Johnston, MDOC #204301, is serving 16 years for two counts of grand larceny, three counts of nonresidential burglary, and vehicle burglary, all in Franklin County. He was first sentenced in August 2016.

In addition to MDOC officers with the Corrections Investigation Division (CID) and the Special Response Team (SRT), several law enforcement agencies, including Harrison and Adams County Sheriff’s Departments, the U.S. Marshals Service, and D’Iberville, Biloxi, and Gulfport police, helped with the men’s capture.

“We thank all the officers involved in capturing these two men,” Interim Commissioner Tommy Taylor said. “We are thankful no one was hurt.”

