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OFFICE POINT OF CONTACT: Sheriff Hodges

On September 15, 2025, between the hours of 10:30 PM and 11:30 PM two inmates escaped the Brown County Adult Detention Center. Inmate Jerry Lee Cooper (DOB 03/24/1977 charged with attempted murder, felonious assault, and having weapons under disability), and inmate Roy Gene Butler (DOB 05/05/1974 charged with Trafficking in drugs and having weapons under disability).

The inmates escaped the adult detention center by damaging a security window allowing access to flee through in sheriff's office impound lot. A search of the area is currently under way involving multiple law enforcement agencies, aviation, and canine units.

The Brown County Sheriff's Office will be filing escape charges on both subjects. If located please do not approach and contact local law enforcement immediately. Anyone with information concerning the possible location of Jerry Lee Cooper and Roy Gene Butler is asked to contact Detective Sergeant Charles Ernst at (937)378-4435 extension 126.



Roy Gene Butler (05/05/1974)

Jerry Lee Cooper (DOB03/24/1977)