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## **Both state escaped inmates now in custody**

JACKSON, MISS. – The two inmates who escaped the Central Mississippi Correctional Facility in Rankin County are now in custody.

Christopher Benson High, 28, was arrested this morning after Jonathan Blankenship, 31, was first apprehended. Both were captured in Meridian without incident. More details to follow.

Blankenship has been serving five years for aggravated assault on a police officer and conspiracy to commit a crime in Alcorn County.

High received 12 years for burglary larceny of an unoccupied dwelling in Carroll County.

The manner in which the men escaped is under investigation. Because of the active investigation and search, the agency is not discussing how the escape occurred.