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South Mississippi Correctional Institution Escapee Captured

LEAKESVILLE– South Mississippi Correctional Institution Inmate Dexter Patrick, MDOC #45763, has been captured after spending less than 24 hours on the run.

Patrick, who escaped while on a work detail off the prison grounds Thursday, was arrested without incident at 7:40 a.m. today on Kennedy Road in State Line. A citizen alerted authorities to his whereabouts.

Patrick, 46, was reported missing at 12:09 p.m. He overpowered the driver of a garbage truck in State Line and stole the truck. The driver was treated at a local hospital for nonlife-threatening injuries. The truck was found abandoned, and Patrick fled on foot. He was tracked all night not far from the Leakesville prison in an area between Mississippi 57 and U.S. 45.

Patrick will be transported to the Mississippi State Penitentiary at Parchman, and will face escape and possibly additional charges.

“I thank all the authorities who helped our Corrections Investigation Division, K-9 Unit and Emergency Response Team ensure Patrick was returned to custody without anyone getting hurt,” Corrections Commissioner Marshall Fisher said. “I also thank all the citizens for their invaluable help.”

The agencies assisting in the search and capture of Patrick include the Greene County Sheriff’s Office, Wayne County Sheriff’s Office, Waynesboro Police Department, State Line Police Department, Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol, and Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Park.

Patrick is serving a 52-year sentence for six counts of armed robbery and one count of vehicle theft from Hinds, Copiah, Rankin, and Madison counties. He now faces an additional five-year sentence, if convicted of escape. Authorities do not suspect Patrick had any help while on the run.

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