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Two Inmates' Attempted Escape Quickly Thwarted at SMCI

JACKSON – Two inmates attempting to escape the South Mississippi Correctional Institution near Leakesville late Saturday night were caught before making it off grounds.

Inmate Joshua Teague, #127854, and Jeremy Ogle, #F32303, were back in custody within 30 minutes after leaving Unit 7, where they were housed. They had escaped their single cells, dropped to the ground using a homemade cane and knotted sheets, and walked toward Unit 8.

A roving perimeter officer spotted the two men, still dressed in their prison clothes, about the same time another officer noticed something amiss about the men's cells while conducting the usual 10 p.m. security count. The men had made dummies from personal items, bedding and other material to look like they were asleep in bed.

Teague and Ogle were captured without incident and later transferred to another prison in the MDOC system.

"I am thankful for the quick actions of our sharp-eyed Corrections officers," Commissioner Marshall Fisher said. "Their performance during this dangerous situation is yet another example of the great danger they potentially encounter every time they report for duty. These brave men and women put their lives on the line daily to protect the public. We simply must find the funds to adequately compensate them."

Teague, 30, is serving a life sentence for capital murder in Harrison County.

Ogle, 35, is serving a 20-year sentence for armed robbery, possession of a weapon during a crime and carjacking in Tennessee.

Neither man has provided statements about the escape attempt. The investigation is ongoing.

Media note:

Mugshots available at <https://www.ms.gov/mdoc/inmate/Search/GetDetails/127854>;
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