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TWO MDOC FUGITIVES CAUGHT IN NEW MEXICO

JACKSON – Two probationers who have been on the run for two weeks from the Mississippi Department of Corrections are now in custody in Las Cruces, N.M.

Christopher Dalton Brown, #163237, Christopher Livingston, #173769, appeared in court in Dona Ana County on Monday.

The two are being held in the Dona Ana County Detention Center on fugitive warrants and as suspects in a carjacking and aggravated assault that occurred March 5 in Vicksburg. They were arrested Saturday.

Livingston was caught following a foot pursuit after he jumped out of a 2014 Honda Accord, according to information from the Sheriff's Department. A check of the vehicle revealed it had been stolen in Vicksburg. An officer with the Dona Ana County Sheriff's Department had attempted to stop the vehicle for not having a license plate.

The vehicle had been taken from John Thomas, who was found wounded in a parking lot in Vicksburg. He remains in critical condition at the University of Mississippi Medical Center.

"This is a classic example of the danger facing law enforcement officers 24/7, and drives home the importance of citizens reporting fugitives when we make this information public," Commissioner Marshall Fisher said. "We have received nearly 70,000 hits on our Facebook page from a post about these two offenders."

Brown and Livingston, both convicted in Warren County, were assigned to the Hinds County Restitution Center when they fled supervision.

Brown, 25, was convicted of felony shoplifting in 2014, and received five years' probation.

Livingston, 23, was convicted of malicious mischief in 2015 and was sentenced to two years with three years' probation.

When arrested Saturday, Livingston initially gave authorities another name. An investigation revealed his true name, according to the Dona Ana County Sheriff's Department.

He is charged there with resisting or obstructing, concealing identity, possession of methamphetamine, possession of paraphernalia and receiving/transfer of a stolen vehicle.

Brown, who is facing no charges in New Mexico from his arrest, waived extradition.

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