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Press Release

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On Wednesday, September 11, after a routine count at Carroll County Regional Correctional Facility, staff were alerted to an inmate being unaccounted for. The facility went into lockdown and began emergency procedures. At that time, it was discovered that a kitchen employee was also missing.

Upon initial investigation, it was determined that the kitchen employee left the property with the inmate in her car. State, local, and federal authorities were all notified to be on the lookout for the vehicle.

The vehicle was spotted in Lafayette County, Mississippi with both subjects inside. Authorities attempted to stop the vehicle to no avail. Eventually the car wrecked and both occupants were taken into custody.

Ryan Burks, age 39, who is serving a 30 year sentence for two counts of sexual battery and one count of burglary was taken into custody and booked into the Lafayette County Jail. A female was also taken into custody and transported to a local hospital for treatment. Felony charges will be forthcoming.

Sheriff Walker said, "I am thankful that no one was injured and that the matter was resolved so quickly. Emergency procedures were followed and the open lines of communication with authorities all over the state led to the quick apprehension of the subjects. I appreciate the Lafayette County Sheriff's Office, Oxford Police Department, US Marshal Service, MS Department of Corrections, and everyone who assisted us in this matter. As this is an active investigation, more information will be released as it becomes available."