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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE, DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

Two Residents on Escape Status Apprehended

September 30, 2020 - (Concord, NH) - The New Hampshire Department of Corrections (NHDOC) announces the apprehension of Shaun Cook, 41, a minimum-security resident of the North End Transitional Housing Unit in Concord who failed to return home as scheduled and was subsequently placed on “escape” status November 27, 2019.

With information on possible whereabouts from the New Hampshire Department of Corrections Investigations Unit, Cook was located and taken into custody without incident at approximately 1:45 p.m. on September 28, 2020 in Jamestown, New York by the New York U.S Marshals Service and the Jamestown Police Department.

The investigation and apprehension was a collaborative effort among the following agencies:

- NH Department of Corrections Investigations Unit
- Jamestown New York Police Department
- New Hampshire U.S. Marshals Service
- New York U.S. Marshals Service

Cook is currently in custody in New York awaiting extradition back to New Hampshire.

The Department also announces the apprehension of Shawn Tarr, 44, a minimum-security resident of the Transitional Work Center in Concord who walked away from his job site August 29, 2020.
With multiple tips from the NHDOC Investigations Unit, on September 29, 2020 at approximately 11:45 a.m. a male subject matching the description of Tarr was seen leaving a residence that was under surveillance in Parsonsfield, Maine. During a subsequent motor vehicle stop by the Maine State Police, the male subject believed to be Tarr provided the Trooper with a different name. After communications with the NHDOC Investigations Unit and the Maine U.S. Marshals Service Tarr was identified by his tattoos and later admitted to being Shawn Tarr.

The investigation and apprehension was a collaborative effort among the following agencies:

- NH Department of Corrections Investigations Unit
- Maine U.S. Marshals Service
- Maine Department of Corrections – Fugitive Investigations Apprehension Team
- Massachusetts State Police – Violent Fugitive Apprehension Section
- Maine State Violent Offender Task Force
- York County Sheriff’s Department
- Biddeford ME – Police Department
- Maine State Police

Tarr is currently in custody in Maine awaiting extradition back to New Hampshire.

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