

MEDIA RELEASE

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Escaped Inmate Captured

Sheriff Jimmy Harris states as follows:

This morning at approximately 7:17, Sheriff's Office dispatch received a call reporting a prowler at a residence on County Road 835 in the Pine Ridge Community of Fort Payne. A woman inside the residence reported having seen someone outside. Fort Payne Police Department Officer Randy Arnold responded to the scene along with Deputy Red Taylor. Sheriff's Sgt. Tony Bartley, Deputy Terry Baird and Deputy Tony Blackwell also arrived on scene at 7:25 a.m. FP Officer Arnold observed a man identified as escaped inmate Emmitt Arlee Harris (a.k.a. Adijah Ashanti Uhuru) in a carport at the residence. The officers approached Harris and he surrendered without incident. He was taken into custody and brought to the DeKalb County Detention Center where he remains at this time.

Sheriff Harris said, "We really want to express our gratitude to all the agencies that have assisted us in this search. It has been astounding the amount of support we have received from our fellow officers. We had assistance from the Collinsville, Crossville, Fort Payne, Fyffe, Geraldine, Powell, Rainsville, and Sylvania Police Departments, the State Agriculture Office Investigator, Fort Payne Fire Department, the St. Clair Correctional Facility K-9 Unit, and the United States Marshal Service. We especially want to thank Commissioner Ron Ogletree and the Fort Payne Police Department for their assistance – without the working relationship our agencies have, this apprehension would likely not have been made as quickly as it was. Everyone involved has been working around the clock since the escape took place, and we are just thankful that Emmitt Harris was taken into custody without incident and that there were no injuries to anyone."

The U.S. Marshals will be filing escape charges against Emmitt Harris with the U.S. Attorney's Office.

