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Mississippi Inmate Escapee Captured In Louisiana

Jackson – Acting upon information provided by the Mississippi Department of Corrections' Internal Audit Division investigators and the agency's Community Corrections Division officers, the Plaquemine Parish sheriff's office on Friday, April 11, apprehended escaped state inmate **David G. Marshall #66294**. The arrest was made without incident at approximately 4:30 p.m. Marshall who escaped from the George County Hospital in Lucedale on Friday, March 28 and was taken to the Plaquemine Parrish jail in Port Sulphur. Also arrested along with Marshall was Bonnie Marshall, wife of the escapee. She is also being held in the Plaquemine Parrish jail and is being charged with aiding and abetting an escapee. The pair are now awaiting extradition back to Mississippi.

Corrections officials had sought Marshall's whereabouts since being notified by George County Hospital authorities two weeks earlier that he had escaped from his hospital room. Marshall had been transferred to the George County Hospital from South Mississippi Correctional Institution on Monday, March 24, for specialized hospital care. According to hospital authorities, Marshall was discovered missing from his hospital room shortly before 2:30 a.m. on Friday, March 28. Marshall apparently waited for a Pinkerton Security officer, who provides security at the hospital, to leave the room before climbing out through his hospital room window and escaping into the cover of darkness. Coincidental with a search to locate the inmate, hospital authorities discovered that a '95 silver Mercury Cougar was missing from the hospital parking lot and had apparently been taken by Marshall in his escape.

Marshall was sentenced from Harrison County in April, 1992. At the time of his escape, he was serving a 55-year sentence on two counts of sexual assault and one count of kidnapping. Conviction for escape carries a penalty of five years and aiding and abetting carries a penalty of up to five years.

"Our agency is greatly pleased that this potentially dangerous offender has been apprehended and taken off the street," said Mississippi Department of Corrections Commissioner Christopher Epps. "I wish to salute both our agency's Internal Audit Division and the Community Corrections staff for their untiring efforts of running down leads about the location of this escapee. Additionally, I wish to express our deep appreciation to the Plaquemine Parrish Sheriff's Department for its assistance in making this arrest."