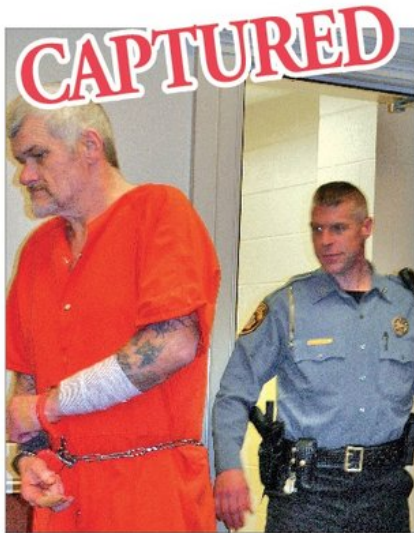


Escaped prisoner back in custody

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Lumpkin County Deputy John Simpson escorts Larry Farmer to his first appearance on charges of felony escape and felony criminal interference with government property Thursday, Feb. 20 after he was apprehended by LCSO deputies Feb. 19. He, along with fellow cellmate William Jeffrey Harris, escaped from the Detention Center Feb. 18.

After tearing a toilet out of the wall to make his escape from the Lumpkin County Detention Center, Larry Lavaughan Farmer, 47, of Cornelia was apprehended while hiding about half a mile away in a culvert pipe in a construction zone approximately one day later.

Farmer and cellmate William Jeffrey Harris escaped on Tuesday, February 18 at approximately 11:35 p.m., although Harris soon chose to return to the Detention Center because of injuries he sustained from the razor wire on top of the fences, according to Sheriff's Office spokesperson Wesley Burnett.

After the escape, officers began spreading the word to local residents to be on the lookout for the suspect. Their efforts paid off when a resident at Golden Hills Apartment Complex recognized Farmer and called just before 11 p.m. on Wednesday, Burnett added.

Farmer, who sustained lacerations to his hands, arms, chest, and legs, was taken to Chestatee Regional Hospital for treatment.

Farmer and Harris were able to escape the jail by making their way through the hole in an interior wall left by forcibly removing the toilet.

After making entry into a mechanical area, they broke a window to reach the exterior of the facility.

Burnett said they had to crawl over several fences topped by barbed and razor wire before escaping.

However this was not the first escape for Farmer.

Sheriff's Office records show that Farmer, who had been booked for burglary, broke out of the old Lumpkin County jail in the middle of June 1998, according to Burnett, and was later apprehended in Louisiana on June 22.

Farmer is now being held in solitary confinement at the Detention Center, Burnett added.

Magistrate Judge Randy Pruitt denied bond at Farmer's first appearance hearing.

However, if Farmer is not indicted within 90 days he can request another bond hearing. But this one would take place in Superior Court.

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Bernard Mason

Mr. Bernard Mason, age 81, of Dahlonega, died May 6, 2012 at his residence.

Mr. Mason was born in Lumpkin County. He retired from National Steel after 40 years as a Locomotive Engineer. He was a U.S. Army veteran.

He was the son of the late Henson Mason and Margaret Christy Mason. He was also preceded in death by three sisters and five brothers.

He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Ellen Mason, Dahlonega; daughter, Phyllis Mason, Hendersonville, Tennessee; two granddaughters, Laura Nanavaty and Julie Thacker; two great-grandchildren, Keira Nanavaty and Zoe Thacker.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, May 8, 2012 at Philippi Baptist Church in Lumpkin County.

Rev. Jason Fuller and Rev. Jerry Whitlock officiated.

Interment followed in the church cemetery with military honors provided by the Veterans Alliance Honor Guard.

Banister Funeral Home of Dahlonega was in charge of the arrangements.

James "Dorsey" Grizzle

Mr. James "Dorsey" Grizzle, age 73, of Dahlonega, died May 4, 2012.

Dorsey was a lifelong resident of Lumpkin County.

Mr. Grizzle was the son of the late Lawrence Grizzle and Elma Rider Grizzle. He was also preceded in death by sisters, Lottie Thompson, Lelia Mae Spriggs, Linda Sears, Wilma Grizzle and Lorene Grizzle; and brother, Eugene Grizzle.

He is survived by his brother, Harold Dean Grizzle, Dahlonega. A number of nieces and nephews and other relatives also survive.

Funeral services were held Sunday, May 6, 2012 at

Assistant District Attorney Kevin Mitchell opposed bond on grounds Farmer was likely to “attempt to leave custody” again. He presented testimony of Detention Center 2nd in command Staff Sgt. Chris Jenkins.

Jenkins’ testimony was based on footage from the jail’s outside surveillance tapes and the fact that Farmer and Harris were the only two men in C-pod.

There is no video of what took place inside the pod, said officials, as it cannot be viewed from the central tower. Someone has to be physically on the catwalk to see into C-pod.

Defense attorney AJ Richman tried to obtain bond by saying Jenkins was “assuming” Farmer did the damage to the toilet, wall and window that made escape possible.

Farmer opted to have a committal hearing, scheduled for March 27. However, the case will go to the Grand Jury for indictment next week.

Lumpkin County Sheriff Stacy Jarrard noted that the escape revealed a problem with a few of the cell walls in the new jail.

Where the toilets are attached, all the walls were supposed to be reinforced with rebar wire when the jail was built in 2000, said Jarrard.

The Sheriff’s Office is now taking measures to correct the design flaw, he said.

“I want to assure everyone that we are doing everything we can to make sure that this doesn’t happen again,” Jarrard said. “I’m not trying to sidestep blame.”

Farmer now faces charges of escape (felony) criminal interference with governmental property (felony) and theft by taking, in addition to previous charges of possession of a controlled substance (felony), attempt to distribute methamphetamine (felony), trafficking methamphetamine (felony), fleeing/eluding police officer (felony), possession of firearm by convicted felon (felony), possession of firearm/knife during commission of crime (felony), forgery in the first degree (felony), giving false name, address, or birthdate to officer and multiple traffic offenses.

Harris also faces charges of escape (felony) and criminal interference with governmental property (felony).

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