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COLUMBIA CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION ESCAPES

The Department of Corrections (DOC) confirms the escape of two (2) inmates, Thomas E. Deering and James R. Newman, from Columbia Correctional Institution on the morning of April 16, 2020. The incident has been reported to law enforcement. DOC is working closely with the Columbia County Sheriff’s Office and various other law enforcement agencies on this ongoing investigation.

These individuals are considered dangerous. Anyone with information regarding the whereabouts of these individuals should immediately contact law enforcement.

Name: Thomas E. Deering
Year of Birth: 1974
Gender: Male
Race: White
Height: 6’0”
Weight: 200 lbs.
Eye Color: Blue
Hair Color: Brown
County of Conviction: Milwaukee, Columbia, Dodge
Offense information is available on the Wisconsin Circuit Court Access website.

Name: James R. Newman
Year of Birth: 1983
Gender: Male
Race: White
Height: 5’9”
Weight: 190 lbs.
Eye Color: Brown
Hair Color: Brown
County of Conviction: Brown, Jackson
Offense information is available on the Wisconsin Circuit Court Access website.