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FINAL UPDATE: Troopers Detained Escapee

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(WASILLA, Alaska) – After a six-hour multi-agency manhunt Mat-Su Pretrial Escapee Kent C. Matte was successfully taken into custody without incident. Following his apprehension, Matte received medical attention for injuries he received while escaping. No law enforcement officer was injured in Matte's apprehension.

Law enforcement officials were able to track Matte to a residence near the intersection of the Parks Highway and Stanley Road. He was apprehended trying to flee the house as law enforcement surrounded the premise.

Troopers arrested one other individual in connection to Matte's escape. Kosha Lynae Jacob, 22 of Wasilla, was arrested last night for her involvement as an accomplice. She was charged with Escape in the Second Degree as an Accomplice and Hindering Prosecution. Her bail was set at \$5,000 cash only.

Law enforcement officials with the Alaska State Troopers, U.S. Marshal's Service, Alaska Wildlife Troopers, Palmer Police Department, Wasilla Police Department, Department of Corrections and the Palmer District Attorney's Office assisted in the search. The investigation into the circumstances surrounding Matte's escape is underway.

****UPDATE****

(PALMER, Alaska) – Alaska State Troopers have taken 44-year old Kent Charles Matte into custody. Matte was apprehended at approximately 2:30 this afternoon near the Parks Highway and Stanley Road in Wasilla. The circumstances surrounding the escape are under investigation.

****ORIGINAL RELEASE****

(PALMER, Alaska) – The Alaska State Troopers and local law enforcement are looking for a convicted felon that escaped from the Mat-Su Pretrial Facility recreation yard at 8:05 this morning.

The man is a 44-year old Caucasian male with a light complexion, approximately 6-foot-1 and 220 pounds. He is bald or has very short red hair and has noticeable tattoos on both his arms. On his left arm is a tribal tattoo and his right arm is covered with tattoos of flowers and faces. He was last seen wearing a yellow jumpsuit or a yellow shirt with a pink undershirt and gray pants.

Troopers consider him to be dangerous. Anyone who has any information as to his whereabouts are asked to contact law enforcement immediately by calling 911.

At this time, the man's name is being withheld due to the investigative process. No further details are available at this time.