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**MAINE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS
PURSUING TWO YOUTH WHO ESCAPED FROM LONG CREEK YOUTH
DEVELOPMENT CENTER**

AUGUSTA – The Maine Department of Corrections is pursuing two male youths who escaped from Long Creek Youth Development Center at approximately 7:30 p.m. last night, Friday, July 26, 2024.

The Maine Department of Corrections has activated its Fugitive Investigation Apprehension Team and has established a Command Post to coordinate efforts. The Department of Corrections is working closely with Federal, State, and local law enforcement, including the U.S. Marshals Service and the South Portland Police Department, to apprehend the two individuals.

Immediately following the escape, the South Portland Police Department responded to a report of a strong-armed robbery with threat of a firearm at 10 Liberty Lane parking lot. No weapon was sighted. The two male youths fled in the stolen vehicle, a white Honda Civic with Maine Barbara Bush license plate #401BBK.

The South Portland Police Department has issued temporary warrants for robbery, theft, and assault, and the vehicle information along with the identities of the two individuals – which cannot be released by the Department due to confidentiality laws – have been entered into New England and national databases to alert other law enforcement to stop and hold the suspects if located.

The suspects were last seen in Biddeford at 10:30 p.m. last night, Friday, July 26, 2024.

The Maine Department of Corrections and South Portland Police Department are advising anyone who believes they have seen the vehicle or the youths to report the sighting immediately by calling 911 and not to approach or engage them.

The Maine Department of Corrections, at the direction of Commissioner Randy Liberty, is launching a full investigation into the circumstances surrounding the escape.

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