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Tramel McClough



John Bivins



UPDATE: NOVEMBER 7, 2017 AT 3:00 PM

This morning, at approximately 5:00 AM, Sheriff's Office Investigators arrested Marquita Kirk at a residence in Sunnyvale. Kirk rented the U-Haul Van and staged it near the Courthouse. Witnesses observed the escapees fleeing in a U-Haul shortly after the escape.

Marquita Kirk, age 44 from Sunnyvale, had a long standing relationship with Tramel McClough. Kirk was arrested on felony charges of conspiracy, and accessory after the fact.

Currently, the Sheriff's Office is running a 24-hour investigation operation into locating the escapees.

DETAILS

This morning, at approximately 9:30 AM, two inmates escaped from the Palo Alto Courthouse. The escaped inmates are Tramel McClough and John Bivins, (See attached photos).

Tramel McClough, age 46, was booked into the Santa Clara County Jail on February 3, 2017. He was booked on various charges including Robbery and False Imprisonment. McClough is a Black male, 6 feet 4 inches tall, 285 pounds.

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John Bivins, age 47, was booked into the Santa Clara County Jail on February 3, 2017. Bivins was booked on various charges including Robbery and False Imprisonment. Bivins is a Black male, 5 feet 9 inches tall and 180 pounds, with a distinctive “EPA” stomach tattoo.

Anyone with information on this case should please contact the Santa Clara County Sheriff's Office Investigations Unit at [\(408\) 808-4500](tel:4088084500) or the anonymous tip line at [\(408\) 808-4431](tel:4088084431). **If you see either inmate call 9-1-1 immediately. Do not try to apprehend them.**

A Sheriff's Office Deputy was escorting inmates through a public hall adjacent to an elevator when the inmates ran toward a door marked Emergency Exit. Just outside the building was a waiting getaway vehicle that the inmates utilized to flee the scene.

Sheriff's Office Deputies and Palo Alto Police Department Officers immediately flooded the area in an attempt to capture the escaped inmates. Investigators located discarded restraints and a handcuff key during the course of the investigation. The Sheriff's Office and our law enforcement partners are continuing a large scale 24/7 search for the inmates after this well-orchestrated, brazen escape.



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