

Livingston County authorities continue to deal with attempted jail escapes

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Authorities in Livingston County are investigating an alleged attempt to escape from the jail in Chillicothe this week. On Sunday night, Sheriff Steve Cox says a male detainee "bolted" out of the cell area and down a hallway as a detention officer was about to lock down other detainees in that cell block. Locked security doors prevented the man from exiting that part of the building. A report, complete with investigation details and video evidence, will be submitted to Prosecuting Attorney Adam Warren for consideration of additional charges against the already-incarcerated subject.

With attempted, and in some cases successful, escapes from the county jail on the rise, Sheriff Cox has ordered the entire jail be placed on MAXIMUM SECURITY lock down.

The potential escapee has been identified as 31-year old Jessie Perez. He was being held on earlier charges of first degree burglary, armed criminal action, possession of a controlled substance, and tampering with a motor vehicle. He has been in custody at the Livingston County Jail since April.

Another incident occurred on the night of July 4th, when two men ESCAPED from confinement, with investigation into the incident indicating those two had made a "practice" attempt prior to the incident in question.

Concerning a story from the spring, Jeremy and Jeremiah Orona have both pleaded guilty to felony second degree burglary and have been sentenced to five years each with the Missouri Department of Corrections.

The sentences will run consecutively to all other counts. Both Orona brothers were involved in a home invasion on Route V (east of Chillicothe) this past April. Sheriff Cox said five other people have been arrested and charged in this incident.