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Escaped inmate captured in Oxford

RALEIGH – Escaped inmate Donnie Travis #0411207 was captured at about 1 a.m. today in Oxford, after a sheriff's deputy spotted him fueling the truck he stole during his escape yesterday.

A Granville County deputy noticed Travis and the truck at a gas station in Oxford. As other deputies arrived to assist, Travis rammed one deputy's car with the truck, then got stuck on a nearby embankment. He jumped from the truck and ran into woods along Interstate 85.

Law enforcement and state corrections officers surrounded the area and captured Travis two hours later after a search with a bloodhound.

Travis will face charges for escape from prison, larceny of a vehicle and other charges related to ramming the deputy's car.

Travis was serving a maximum sentence of one year and ten months for larceny from a person, misdemeanor larceny and communicating threats. He was assigned to Duplin Correctional Center in Kenansville and escaped Thursday afternoon while working at Cunningham Research Station, a state research farm in Kinston. He was scheduled for release from prison in March 2013.



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