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Newberry Correctional Facility prisoner apprehended following brief escape

A prisoner at the Newberry Correctional Facility is back in custody after a brief early morning escape.

Prisoner Alize Montague, was apprehended by law enforcement shortly after the escape about a mile away from the prison just before 4 a.m. He is now back in the custody of the Michigan Department of Corrections.

Montague, 19, was serving a five to 10-year sentence out of Monroe County. He was incarcerated in January.

The prisoner was observed climbing over the facility's fence just after 2 a.m. and was pursued by corrections officers in a security vehicle who saw the prisoner cross M-123 on foot. The Michigan State Police and the MDOC's Emergency Response Team assisted in the search along with local law enforcement.

Newberry Correctional Facility is a level I security facility, located in the Upper Peninsula in Luce County.

The MDOC will continue to share more information about this incident throughout the day on its social media accounts and Nixle.

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