

TUSCALOOSA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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PRESS RELEASE

At approximately 11:00 a.m. this date, it was discovered that Tuscaloosa County Jail inmate *Randall Stephen Patrick, Jr.*, was not accounted for. Procedures and notifications for a jail escape were implemented by the Sheriff's Office. All law enforcement agencies and a regional NCIC broadcast were made. Patrick was being held at the jail on (5) counts of Burglary III, (1) count Forgery II, (1) count Criminal Possession of Forged Instrument II, (3) counts Unlawful Use of Motor Vehicle, (1) count Theft of Property I, (1) count Obstruction of Justice by Giving False Name, (1) count Escape II, (1) count Criminal Tampering II, (1) count Escape I with total bond amount being \$26,000.00.

The address given for Patrick on jail records is: 5401 Cottdale Rd, Cottdale, AL. Patrick is a white/male, 19 years of age, height 5'10, weight 150 lbs, with short brown hair possibly shaved, brown eyes and was last seen with a facial goatee.

This escape is currently under investigation. Initial investigation shows human error by not following established jail procedures by detention personnel. Additional factors to be considered: 561 inmates being monitored by a shift of 13 detention officers. The investigation is ongoing and corrected measures have been taken.

Any persons with information are asked to contact Tuscaloosa County Sheriff's Office at 752-0616.

