



PRESS RELEASE:

MELISSA POLICE DEPARTMENT APPREHENDS ESCAPED INMATE AND ACCOMPLICE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

January 27, 2025

Bridget Saxton

Communications Manager

972-838-2338

bsaxton@cityofmelissa.com

MELISSA POLICE DEPARTMENT APPREHENDS ESCAPED INMATE AND ACCOMPLICE

MELISSA, TX—On January 26, the Melissa Police Department, successfully apprehended an escaped inmate from Marion County, Alabama, and an accomplice following a coordinated and efficient operation.

On January 26, 2025, at 1:47 pm, the Melissa Police Department was alerted to the possibility of an escaped inmate being in the local area. The suspect's vehicle was identified using Flock camera technology in the nearby city of Anna. Melissa officers located the vehicle in the parking lot of Buc-ee's in Melissa. The vehicle exited the parking lot and proceeded northbound on the frontage road where officers initiated a high-risk felony traffic stop.

The escaped inmate, who had been on the run from authorities in Alabama, surrendered without incident. The driver of the vehicle was also taken into custody after it was discovered there was an active felony warrant for aiding in the inmate's escape.

"This successful apprehension highlights the importance of interagency communication and the dedication of our officers to keeping Melissa safe," said Chief Erik Stokes. "This is an example of how effective FLOCK technology can be in the apprehension of wanted fugitives from across the country. The Melissa Police Department remains committed to utilizing technology and proactive policing to protect our community." Both individuals were transported to the Collin County Jail and are awaiting extradition to Alabama.

###