

Inmate turns himself in 3 days after escaping

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A convicted murderer who escaped from prison Saturday while out on work release surrendered to the Tennessee Department of Correction officials yesterday.

Isaac Williams, a 33-year-old inmate who was convicted of second-degree murder in Davidson County in 1992, was accompanied by his lawyer, David Raybin, TDOC said.

Williams, according to TDOC officials, was a prison trusty who had been in the work release program without incident since 1995.

He is serving a 25-year prison sentence for the 1987 shooting death of grocery store manager Gary Cron.

The inmate, who was 17 at the time, shot the grocer in a dispute over a flat tire. Witnesses told police that Williams' vehicle got a flat tire during a visit to a Dickerson Road grocery store where Cron worked. Witnesses said the teen became enraged when Cron, who was 43, refused to pay to fix the flat tire.

After the shooting, he went to a Madison fitness center and took four people hostage and had a four-hour stand-off with police.

Williams will be disciplined by the TDOC for the escape and he may be prosecuted for felony escape, officials said.