



For Immediate Release
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SUSPECT SAFELY RETURNED TO CUSTODY FOLLOWING ESCAPE

Menifee, CA – On June 16, 2026, 24-year-old Kodee Crouser of Quail Valley was arrested for Felony Vandalism and Violation of Probation and transported to Cois M. Byrd Detention Center.

At approximately 12:12 p.m., the Menifee PD transport officer was standing with Crouser in the secured parking lot area of Cois M. Byrd Detention Center awaiting entry into the jail for booking. While waiting to enter the facility building, Crouser was able to separate himself from the transport officer and flee from the property.

Personnel from the Menifee Police Department and our partners at the Riverside County Sheriff's Office immediately coordinated a search of the area and located Crouser a short time later. There is no ongoing threat or safety concern to the public related to this incident.

The Menifee Police Department is actively investigating the circumstances surrounding the escape and the events that led to this incident. Additional charges related to the escape may be considered as the investigation progresses.

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