—Prison escapes

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Center, a minimum security facility, John Martin signed out for work under the work release program at 1:45 p.m., Monday, April 19, and never reported to work. Martin was serving an eight-year sentence for robbery with a deadly weapon.

Dennis Perry and Donald Saunders escaped Monday night, April 19, from Saunders was serving a 10-year sentence for robbery with a deadly weapon.

Perry, who was serving a three-year sentence for possession of heroin, was arrested by police Wednesday morning, April 21, in the 600 block of George Street, visiting friends.

Convicted murderer George Green escaped from Maryland University Hospital, Monday morning, April 19, as he and seven other inmates were being transferred from the House of Corrections for neurological testing. Green who was wearing handcuffs, apparently picked the lock on his leg irons with a paper clip.

Green, recently sentenced to two consecutive life sentences plus 20 years, for the 1981 murder of two employees of the Great American Melting Pot restaurant, was to begin serving his sentence Monday night at Maryland Penitentiary, the maximum security facility.

Of the three felons who escaped the Maryland Penitentiary early Easter Sunday, April 11, only Fred T. Sampson, serving life plus 15 years for murder and a handgun violation, remains free.

Also from Maryland Penitentiary's Easter escape: Kenneth Hatchett was killed and Kevin Anthony Gibbs was wounded Wednesday, April 14, in a shootout with police and a would-be hostage, after an uptown hold-up attempt.

Nine prisoners escaped the new Baltimore County Detention Center in Towson March 20, by tying bed sheets together and descending a third floor window they kicked out.

—Toya Hill

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man offered to buy her candy and Toya was seen entering the neighborhood store at South Caroline and Gough Street with a man.

Police report the man who offered to buy Toya the candy was not a stranger to her. He was a former friend of her mother. Police said they have interviewed the man several times and he is not a suspect in the case.

Toya was seen in the store but no one can say how she disappeared and the case will remain open until she is found, police said.

"We have gone over and over what we have done to find her," Sgt. Dean said.

There was no indication she was abducted and police have checked vacant buildings, dumpsters, alleys, yards and interviewed friends, relatives and neighbors of Toya's.

She was last seen wearing jeans, an orange and blue shirt, blue jacket. She is four feet tall, weighs 80 pounds and has a medium brown complexion.

Friends of Toya's mother, Mrs. Antoinette Hill Poindexter have raised nearly $500 as a reward for anyone who has information or might know Toya's whereabouts.

On the 29th day of her daughter's dissappearance, Mrs. Poindexter told the AFRO, "I'm really depressed. I hope and pray that God is watching over her."

—Father Franklin

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stantly been calling him at his home."

Rev. Franklin, 62, is the national president of the 40-year-old National Congress of St. Martin's Spiritual Churches of Christ consisting of 150,000 members.

When the AFRO visited him at his church Wednesday evening, he said, "She (Evangelist Smith) was an excellent member and she paid her tithes and anything else."

However, he denied the statement Evangelist Smith gave the police. Rev. Franklin told the AFRO Evangelist Smith had been calling him at his home for several weeks.

"It was so annoying, I called the telephone company and they told me to record everytime she called my home. I had to take the plug out of my phone," he said.

The minister said Evangelist Smith called him early Monday morning and said she was going to kill herself if he did not come pray for her.

Rev. Franklin said he went to her home to have prayer and when he drove in front of her house, she was sitting in her car and suddenly jumped out and started screaming.

Police report they were called to the scene after neighbors heard a woman screaming.

They both are scheduled to appear at Northwestern District on Reisterstown Rd. for a hearing May 11.

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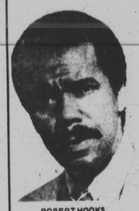

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