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Press Release

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Joshua D. Homan, age 25, was arrested November 25, 2009, on an active capias for Domestic Violence, Abduction and Intimidation of a witness originating from charges filed by the Tuscarawas County Sheriff's Office. He had failed to appear on the original charges.

Homan had been in the Tuscarawas County Jail since November 25, 2009; he was granted a furlough from the Courts to attend the burial service of his son on November 30, 2009, but he was to return back to the jail one hour after the service. Homan did not return to the jail and a capias was issued on December 9, 2009.

Homan was arrested in Clark County, Nevada (Las Vegas).

We sent a deputy to Las Vegas to bring Homan back to Tuscarawas County and the prisoner was flown back on Thursday, January 28, 2010. While being transported back to the Tuscarawas County Sheriff's Office on January 28, 2010, the deputy transporting Homan stopped for a bathroom break in Newark, and although handcuffed, Homan bolted from the deputy. The deputy chased him but slipped on the ice.

The deputy contacted authorities in Licking County and the Newark Police Department, the Licking County Sheriff's Office, the Ohio State Highway Patrol and Columbus Police Department all responded and assisted in the hunt for the prisoner. The Ohio State Highway Patrol and Columbus Police Department utilized their helicopters and K-9's were also used during the massive search.

Homan was apprehended at approximately 7:30 a.m. this morning, January 29, 2010, by the Newark Police Department and transported to Licking Memorial Hospital for treatment. Newark Police Department will be pursuing escape charges as well as any other appropriate charges.

Tuscarawas County Sheriff Walt Wilson has assigned a detective to investigate the circumstances of the escape.