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SLED'S FUGITIVE TEAM HELPS ARREST ESCAPED CONVICT

The South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) announces the arrest of a South Carolina Department of Corrections prisoner who walked away from his work assignment at the Wateree River Correctional Institution in Rembert, S.C. on May 6, 2009.

Tracy Cobb was arrested by SLED's Fugitive Team, SCDOC investigators and members of the Cherokee County Sheriff's Office around 10:15 last night, Wednesday, May 14, 2009.

SLED agents received valuable information that Cobb hitched a ride from an unknown person in Richland County yesterday and traveled to Cherokee County.

Using tips from the public on Cobb's whereabouts, SLED's Fugitive Team drove from Richland County to Cherokee County looking for the escapee.

That information led Agents to the area of Highway 5 and Highway 29 near the town of Blacksburg in Cherokee County last night.

Cobb was traveling in a vehicle there with several family members, who were cooperating with investigators.

Cobb was arrested without incident and remanded to the custody of the SCDOC.

According to that agency, Cobb was transported to the Broad River Correctional Institution, a maximum-security prison in Columbia.

SLED's Aviation and Tracking Teams have assisted in searching for Cobb.

For more information on Cobb's charges or prior sentencing, please contact the SCDOC's Communications Director, Josh Gelinas at (803) 896-8578.