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## RICHARD McNAIR SENTENCED ON FEDERAL ESCAPE CHARGES

McNair was recently captured by the Canadian Mounted Police after being fugitive following his escape over a year ago

Alexandria, Louisiana . . . RICHARD McNAIR, the prisoner who escaped from the U.S. Penitentiary in Pollock, Louisiana, in April 2006, was sentenced today by United States District Judge Dee D. Drell to an additional 30 months in prison, United States Attorney Donald W. Washington announced.

McNAIR was serving a life sentence at the U.S. Penitentiary in Pollock, Louisiana for a murder he committed in North Dakota when he escaped from the prison.

U.S. Attorney Washington stated: "We must not fail in our efforts to always maintain the highest degree of prison security. Inmates should take notice that prison escapes and prison violence will lead to certain recapture, vigorous prosecution, and much longer prison terms."

Sentencing in federal court is determined by the discretion of federal judges and the governing statute. Parole has been abolished in the federal system.

This case was investigated by the Canadian Mounted Police, the U.S. Marshal's Service, and was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Jim Cowles.