

With inmates back in jail, focus turns to how they escaped

SANTA ANA, Calif. (AP) — With all three violent inmates who escaped from a California jail back in custody, authorities are examining how they carried out the jailbreak and what they did during their week on the run.

Orange County sheriff Sandra Hutchens vowed to fix the security lapses that allowed the escape.

Early on January 22, the men sawed, crawled, and climbed their way out of the maximum-security Central Men's Jail and used a rope made of bedsheets to rappel four stories to the ground.

Their escape triggered an intense manhunt.

One of the inmates, 43-year-old Bac Duong, surrendered on Friday, January 29 after walking into an auto repair shop in Santa Ana just a few miles from the jail.

The last two escapees, Hossein Nayeri, 37, and Jonathan Tieu, 20, were arrested on Saturday, January 30 after a civilian flagged down officers near San Francisco's Golden Gate Park and pointed out a parked van that looked like one believed stolen by the inmates after the escape.



SECURITY LAPSES SCRUTINIZED.

This frame from video provided by KCBS-TV/KCAL-TV shows Bac Duong, one of three inmates who escaped from the Orange County jail, being returned to the Santa Ana, California jail after he turned himself in. With all three inmates now back in custody, authorities are examining how they carried out the jailbreak. (KCBS-TV via AP)

copy of a Google Earth map that showed an aerial view of the entire jail compound, is also in custody. Nooshafarin Ravaghi, a 44-year-old children's book author, was arrested and booked on suspicion of being an accessory to a felony.

Authorities say she and Nayeri — who both were born in Iran — exchanged letters and had a relationship that was closer than it should have been, but stopped short of calling it romantic. Nayeri is a former Marine who grew up in the Fresno area, and authorities say it's unclear why as an English speaker he was in her class that teaches English as a second language.

Built in 1968, the jail that housed the men holds about 900 inmates. It was the first breakout from the facility in nearly 30 years.

The three did not know each other before being housed in the Orange County jail. They were awaiting trial on charges including murder, attempted murder, torture, and kidnapping. Duong and Tieu have ties to street gangs that operate in the shadows of Orange County's thriving

Vietnamese community.

While behind bars, the three were housed together in a large jail module that held 65 other men, about half of whom were in custody for violent felonies.

A woman who taught English at the jail, and is accused of giving Nayeri a paper

Monks delivered via Amazon as role of Japanese temples fade

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price less than half or even cheaper than an average, conventional service.

"Honestly, the cost was my biggest concern," Uematsu said. "I liked its price system that was simple and clear."

At first, he was worried about the quality of the service he might receive, but that wasn't a problem. A 24-hour customer service line was also helpful for the couple emotionally devastated by the loss of their son. While it didn't offer counselling services, representatives could be reached regarding funeral details at any time, helping them feel more at ease during a painful time. Uematsu also arranged the traditional 49th-day posthumous ritual for his son using the same service.

Amazon declined to comment, saying it's only renting the space to Minrevi to promote the service, which offers only monk delivery and a separate \$170 charge for a posthumous Buddhist title, not funeral packages.

Minrevi, whose orders for the monk delivery service has tripled over the past

five years, said internet-based inquiries and phone calls surged after it placed the service on Amazon. More surprisingly, some 100 monks came forward to register for the delivery service. The company already has contracts with 400 monks nationwide, said Masano, the spokesman.

Kaichi Watanabe, the 40-year-old monk dispatched to a memorial ceremony for the Uematsu family recently, said he had been looking for ways to perform rituals to earn a living and meet more people to share Buddha's teachings.

His elder brother was succeeded the temple founded by their grandfather, also a monk, in Fukushima prefecture, so Watanabe had to go elsewhere. About a year ago, he found Minrevi and signed a contract.

"Today, nobody comes to temples asking for us to perform funerals for their parents," Watanabe said in an interview before the service, at which he chanted in front of an altar decorated with chrysanthemum flowers and Kakeru's photo in a black frame. "I'm hoping that a service like

this, a brainchild of the internet age, could make Buddhist temples a more approachable place for everyone."

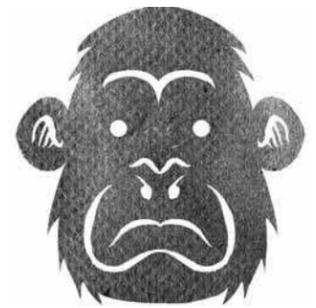
"There is no point being a monk," he said, "if we can't offer a helping hand when someone needs us."

Bhutan's queen gives birth to a baby boy

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March of that same year, the kingdom held its first democratic election and voted in a new parliament that can constitutionally impeach the king. However, with the monarchy idolized by much of the population, the king's influence continues to be enormous.

Bhutan first began opening up to the world in the 1960s. Foreigners and the international media were first admitted in 1974, while the internet and television finally arrived in 1999.



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Difficulty level: Easy #47915

Instructions: Fill in the grid so that the digits 1 through 9 appear one time each in every row, column, and 3x3 box.

Solution to last week's puzzle

Puzzle #95213 (Hard)

All solutions available at www.sudoku.com.

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2015 Most Honored Elder Award Recipient

Angela Turla

Angela "Angie" Bonifacio Turla was born in Masantol, Pampanga, the Philippines on May 31, 1943, the eldest of 13 siblings. Angie attended the University of Santo Tomas, graduating with a bachelor's degree in education in



1965, and taught school until she left for America. Angie and her husband, Ernie, immigrated to the U.S. on May 27, 1968, along with their first-born son, settling in Pasadena, California. In 1971, they moved to Portland where Angie worked at a manufacturing company, eventually becoming a department supervisor, and her husband worked as a clerk at the main post office. Later, she was employed at Tektronix before retiring early in 1998. Angie and Ernie raised four children — Michael, Pamela, Eileen, and Kathy. Angie petitioned for both her parents (now deceased)

and all but one of her brothers and sisters to immigrate to the United States. She has been the auditor of a local community organization, Aguman Capampangan Northwest U.S.A., since it was founded in 1996. She has also participated in the group's biennial medical and dental missions to the Philippines and other humanitarian work. Angie has travelled extensively across the U.S. and around the world. In addition to watching her four grandkids, she currently enjoys television, going to restaurants and movies, attending church, cooking, and more.

The Asian Reporter Foundation is accepting nominations for its 2016 "Most Honored Elder" awards.

The recognition banquet will be held Thursday, April 21, 2016 at northeast Portland's TAO Event Center. Nomination forms and guidelines for eligibility are available for download at www.ARFoundation.net.

The nomination deadline is Wednesday, March 23, 2016 at 5:00pm.

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