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Three suspects in armed robberies from Montana

Three men believed to be involved in a series of armed robberies in Montana, Wyoming and South Dakota were under supervision of the Montana Department of Corrections.

Jordan L. Adams, 19, and Jacob E. Kraus, 20, walked away from the Helena Prerelease Center on Oct. 8. They, along with Adams' brother Camille, were apprehended Thursday afternoon in Chadron, Neb., following an extensive search by law officers in that city. Camille Adams, 21, had been on probation in Anaconda.

The identities of two other men captured with the Montana men were not immediately known.

Authorities believe the Adams brothers and Kraus were involved in armed robberies of convenience stores in Butte and Columbus on Oct. 9, and an armed robbery of a Sheridan, Wyo., convenience store Oct. 10. Officials also believe they, and possibly two other men, robbed the State Line Club Casino near the Nebraska-South Dakota border on Wednesday night.

The five men were apprehended shortly after noon Thursday. There was no report of injuries in connection with the capture or the series of robberies.

Jordan Adams and Kraus, both from Butte, were discovered missing from the prerelease center in Helena about 9 p.m. Monday.

Jordan Adams was serving a three-year sentence for an August 2006 robbery. He spent about six months in prison before being placed in the prerelease center Sept. 12. Kraus was serving a three-year term for a May 2006 burglary. He arrived at the prerelease center in Aug. 22.

Jordan Adams had two previous convictions for assault on a minor in 2006 and Kraus had an earlier conviction for theft in 2005. Both men were sentenced out of Silver Bow County.

Camille Adams was serving a probation sentence for a 2004 robbery when he walked away from the Butte prerelease center in 2005. He was sentenced to two years for the escape and was released in March to complete his probation.

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“We’re thankful that this incident was brought to a conclusion without injury,” said Department of Corrections Director Mike Ferriter. “These individuals obviously posed a serious risk to the safety of the public in the four states involved, particularly in the community of Chadron. We’re grateful to the hard work of numerous local, state and federal law enforcement agencies in assisting with the capture of these men.”

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