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On February 9, 2021 at approximately 2:31PM, Hobert Roark, with a date of birth of 01/11/1980 who had escaped from the Brown County Jail was arrested by the US Marshals and the Portsmouth Police Department. The US Marshals, acting on information provided by the Brown County Sheriff's Office, were able to affect the arrest without incident at 1534 Fourth Street in Portsmouth, Ohio. Arrested along with Hobert Roark was his Girlfriend Desiree Phillips date of birth 09/28/1981 who was hiding Hobert Roark in her basement. She is currently being held on obstruction charges to be filed by the Portsmouth Police Department at Scioto County Detention Center.

The arrest of Hobert Roark was the result of an extensive investigation and involved the cooperation of the following Law Enforcement Agencies:

Portsmouth Police Department	Portsmouth SWAT Team
Georgetown Police Department	New Boston Police Department
Mount Orab Police Department	U.S Marshall SOFAST Team
Ohio Highway Patrol	Scioto County Sheriff's Office
Brown County Coroner's Office	Brown County Drug Task Force

Hobert Roark has been brought back to the Brown County Detention Center and is currently in custody. His original charges included Burglary, Grand Theft, Receiving Stolen Property, Failure to Comply with a Police Officer, Escape, Vandalism, and Possession of Firearms under Disability. Hobert Roark will now be facing additional charges of Escape and Vandalism. The Brown County Sheriff's Office would like to thank all of the Law Enforcement Agencies that participated in the investigation and arrest of Hobert Roark.