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Inmate Pleads Guilty in Lansing Prison Escape

(AP) - One of the three inmates who walked away from the state prison in Lansing has entered a guilty plea.

The Lawrence Journal-World reports that 57-year-old Randy Ridens now faces the possibility of another 10 years behind bars on top of the time he already was serving for burglary and theft. The Leavenworth County Attorney's Office says he pleaded guilty Wednesday to aggravated escape from custody.

Ridens and two other men escaped May 10 from the Lansing Correctional Facility.

Thirty-one-year-old Allen M. Hurst and 49-year-old Scott A. Gilbert surrendered in Edgerton, Mo., after several hours of negotiations with law enforcement. They were accused of trying to ambush officers who pursued them and of attempting to kidnap the Edgerton mayor.

Ridens was caught later that evening as he entered Topeka.

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