

7 PRISONERS ESCAPE FROM RUTHERFORD JAIL

Rutherfordton, July 29.—Sheriff's deputies today arrested Ben Cooper of Rutherfordton and C. B. Gussey of Spindale on suspicion of aiding seven white prisoners escape the Rutherford county jail this morning.

The fugitives sawed the bars on one of the windows of their cage and dropped three stories to the ground on a rope made from blankets.

Gussey is a brother of Laurance Gussey, 36, of Spindale, one of the fugitives. Laurance was being held on a charge of rape.

Police authorities in North and South Carolina were alerted. All seven were being held for the November term of superior court.

The other escapees were listed as:

Jessie Hoffman, 41, of Mooresville, charged with rape.

Verlon Wright, 23, no permanent address, charged with rape.

Tommy Tessneer, 30, of Lowell, Gaston county, charged with rape.

Charles Anderson, 32, Mooresboro, Cleveland county, charged with larceny of an automobile.

Garland Smith, 23, and his brother, Durham Smith, 19, of Golden Valley, Rutherford county, both charged with assault with a deadly weapon.

Jailer W. H. Griffin said the prisoners had last been seen at 1:30 a. m. and the break was not discovered until three hours later.—Charlotte Observer.

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