



# Texas Department of Public Safety

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### **Escaped sex offender captured in Florida**

Billy Twayne Gibson, a registered sex offender who escaped from custody in Dallas last Saturday, was arrested this morning in Miami Springs, Florida, after police there received a tip about his whereabouts.

The Miami Springs Police Department received a tip that Gibson, 33, was at a hotel in Miami Springs. They located a car that had been reported stolen in Navarro County earlier this week.

Gibson was arrested without incident at 6 a.m. eastern time by the Miami Springs police. He was transported to the Miami/Dade County Sheriff's Department and will be returned to Texas.

Gibson is a civilly committed registered sex offender with a violent criminal history who escaped early Saturday from the Wayback Halfway House at 899 North Stemmons Freeway in Dallas. After escaping, Gibson cut off the 24-hour GPS tracking device he's required to wear at all times.

America's Most Wanted had featured Gibson on their website, and the DPS and the Texas Governor's Criminal Justice Division had offered a \$5,000 reward for the information that led to Gibson's arrest. Arrangements are being made to pay the anonymous tipster for that information.

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