

Prisoner escapes

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A federal prisoner at the Hamilton County Jail jumped from a fifth-floor window sometime Wednesday to make his escape, Hamilton County Jail officials said. Melvin James Johnson, 30, also known as James Roark, was being held on felony drug charges. The U.S. Marshals Service is investigating. Anyone in the downtown area Wednesday who may have seen Roark is asked to call the Marshals Service or the Hamilton County Sheriff's Department. Roark is described as a white male, 5 feet 9 inches tall, 135 pounds, with brown hair and blue eyes.