

Maryann Harrison wants out of prison

Mother of Dereck Harrison imprisoned for violating parole

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DRAPER, Utah (ABC4 Utah) - Maryann Harrison called May 15th the worst day of her life. It led to her returning to prison.

On that day Harrison showed up with \$10,000 cash at the Sublette County Wyoming jail. She reportedly was going to use the money to bail out her son, Dereck who along with his father Flint were captured.

Both were on the run after allegedly kidnapping and assaulting a mother and her four daughters at a Centerville home.

"I tried to be just as responsible as I could," Harrison told a hearing officer at the Utah State prison. "I know I should have never crossed the state lines.

Harrison was on parole for a 2004 robbery and was placed under arrest in Pinedale Wyoming for crossing state lines without approval from Adult, Probation and Parole.

"When I did go across the state lines I went directly to the Sublette County courthouse and walked up to the first sheriff I saw, introduced myself and said I was on parole out of Utah and was DJ (Dereck) Harrison's mother."

Wyoming authorities are also investigating DJ and Flint for the murder of UTA worker Kay Ricks. He vanished about the same time of the Centerville crime. His pickup truck was found outside of Pinedale where Flint Harrison now lives.

"I would just like to say the day that this happened was the worst day of my life," Maryann Harrison told the hearing officer. "I wasn't really thinking."

An agent with Adult, Probation and Parole wants Harrison to remain in prison to finish out her sentence. That could be another ten years according to prison and court records. Her attorney objected to that recommendation.

"She was not charged with any crimes and I think all she's guilty of is absconding parole," said her attorney P.J. Brummer.

But according to a search warrant filed by Centerville police, Maryann Harrison admitted to conspiracy.

A detective wrote in his request to obtain a search warrant "Dereck's mother Mary Anne Harrison was interviewed and did say she had sent messages to both Flint and Dereck saying she would hide them."

That information wasn't brought up at her hearing and Harrison made no mention of it only saying she was sorry for violating parole.

"I do apologize for that," she said. "But it truly was the worst day of my life. I've been cooperating with the FBI. They've been out here to see me. I haven't been evasive."

Hearing officer John Green offered no recommendation but told Harrison the entire Board of Pardons will review her case and make a final determination later this month.

Late Wednesday afternoon, Centerville police responded to the search warrant where Harrison allegedly offered her assistance to Dereck and Flint. According to a text received from a spokesman for the police department "there is not enough evidence to charge (her with) obstruction or aiding."

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Search warrants claim family may have helped Harrisons escape

Another warrant offers details about Kay Ricks UTA truck before vanishing

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SALT LAKE CITY (ABC4 Utah) - Newly released search warrants reveal family members may have helped the Harrisons escape.

Flint and Dereck Harrison are currently in a Davis County jail facing kidnapping and assault charges.

But they remain persons of interest by Wyoming authorities in the murder of UTA worker Kay Ricks. His body was found in southwest Wyoming nearly a week after he vanished.

A third search warrant released by the courts offers some details about the surveillance video that recorded Ricks truck leaving an area in Salt Lake City.

Flint Harrison's mother may be one of those targeted by police. She went to Pinedale Wyoming after the Harrisons were captured. She had more than ten thousand dollars in cash with her.

She told Good 4 Utah it was meant for a real estate transaction. Brown reportedly told others the money was for an attorney.

In a Centerville police search warrant detectives want access to an unnamed person's phone records because "it is believed the owner of (phone) may have assisted with their escape to Wyoming. The owner of this phone number arrived in Wyoming, the day both suspects were apprehended, with \$10,5000 in cash."

Brown told Good 4 Utah, that phone number was not hers.

A second search warrant focuses on a phone number belonging to Flint's wife, Melissa.

The warrant stated it needed the records of the phone because "it is believed the owner of (phone) may have assisted with their escape to Wyoming. The owner of the phone is one of the suspect's (sic) wife and the other suspect's (sic) step-mother. It was learned that the owner of this phone number made phone calls to make arrangements to get the suspects away from the crime scene."

And for the first time, the location where Ricks truck was revealed in yet a third search warrant. According to the search warrant filed by UTA police Ricks work truck was caught on surveillance at a location near 971 South and 200 West in Salt Lake City.

Nearly a week later, the truck was found near Pinedale where Flint Harrison lived.

According to the search warrant multiple people were in Ricks truck. But "the surveillance could not identify the occupants of the vehicle to determine whether the missing person (Ricks) was in the vehicle." The search warrant claimed surveillance video recorded the "victim's cell phone falling out of the window or bed of the work truck."

Police later found the cell phone and confirmed it belonged to Ricks.

According to the search warrant Ricks truck was seen in Diamondville, Wyoming. Police claimed "that a person of interest was identified as driving the vehicle when it was recorded in a Maverick convenience store parking lot."