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COLUMBIA, S.C. – An inmate from Evans Correctional Institution, a medium-security facility in Bennettsville, was captured tonight after he escaped for about two hours from McLeod Regional Medical Center in Florence.

Angel Gutierrez, 29, who is serving a 15-year sentence for armed robbery and child abuse that resulted in death, ran out of a door at McLeod about 8:30 p.m. tonight after being transported there from McLeod Health Cheraw for treatment. He was captured about 10:30 p.m. by Florence Police near a railroad yard not far from the hospital.

Gutierrez was sentenced in New Mexico and is serving time in SCDC as part of the Interstate Corrections Compact.

SCDC thanks the Florence Police Department, Florence County Sheriff's Department, McLeod Health Security, the S.C. Highway Patrol and SLED in working with SCDC's Investigations division and Special Operations Team to capture Gutierrez.

A review of safety procedures will be conducted.