

High School Shooter Escapes Prison

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T.J. Lane was sentenced to three life sentences after killing and injuring students during a high school shooting spree. He escaped from an Ohio prison last month, but was captured and taken back into custody.

Lane was serving time at the Allen Correctional Facility. [The 19-year-old broke out in early September](#), accompanied by two other prisoners. They escaped by scaling the main perimeter fence. All three were eventually captured.

Lane was returned to custody early Friday after he was found 100 yards from the facility. The capture of the three escapees was made possible due to the promptness on behalf of the Ohio State Patrols. The patrol quickly created a perimeter. An investigation on the escape is in process.

Chardon School District was closed due to the escape. A representative explained, "The safety and well-being of our students, staff, and community remain our highest priority."

2013 Case

On February 27, 2012, Lane fired shots at Chardon High School. The shots killed three students and wounded three others. In 2013, Lane displayed a crude behavior in court. When individuals described him as a monster he laughed. He would say cruel and vile words to the families who had lost children in the shooting, and insulted them with offensive hand signals.

When the judge pronounced his sentencing he chuckled. Immediately after his sentencing, Lane reportedly unbuttoned his shirt to display a t-shirt with the word 'killer' scribbled across the front.

Exceptionally Smart

Lane's lawyer, Ian Friedman, was not shocked to hear of the escape. He explained, "T.J. Lane is exceptionally smart there is no doubt about that. If anyone could escape it would have to be someone of that level of intelligence." Friedman told ABC News, "People ask me if he is dangerous. The facts speak for themselves."

Escape in the Second Degree in AZ

[A.R.S. 13-2503](#) defines second-degree escape as a person knowingly escaping or attempting to escape from custody imposed as a result of having been arrested, found guilty of, or charged with a felony. Escape in the second-degree is a class 5 felony in Arizona

Consequences for Breaking Out of Prison in Arizona

According to [A.R.S. 31-342](#), any person who is convicted of escape from custody is liable for any costs incurred in their apprehension, including food, lodging, and travel during transportation of the person to the correctional facility.

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