

How Erland Was Captured:

On April 20, 2020, Airman 1st Class Erland Eric Injerd, 7th Operations Support Squadron, Dyess Air Force Base, Texas, assaulted two command members and a Department of the Air Force civilian Security Forces member at Dyess, before escaping armed and remaining at large for more than two weeks.

He was located, in part, by the hard work of OSI Detachment 815, at Dyess and the OSI 3rd Field Investigations Squadron surveillance team, Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, Texas.

A1C Injerd telephoned his wife on May 2, 2020 and on May 6, 2020. On May 6, 2020, A1C Injerd telephoned a friend who had previously been identified and contacted by law enforcement. The number A1C Injerd used was traced to a gas station in Dallas, Texas. A1C Injerd made plans to meet with the friend at his Dallas residence on May 7, 2020. After identifying A1C Injerd through the gas station video surveillance, OSI initiated physical surveillance in coordination with the Dallas Police Department and FBI in Dallas.

On May 7, 2020, at approximately 1:24 pm (CST), the OSI surveillance team observed A1C Injerd walking along Beltline Ron Dallas. FBI Dallas SWAT Team and Fugitive Task Force and Dallas PD responded for assistance.

A1C Injerd ran from arresting agents, physically resisted arrest, spat in the arresting agents face, and tried to reach for his 9mm handgun in his waistband prior to being successfully taken into custody. While being transported to Grand Prairie, Texas, jail, for holding, A1C Injerd attempted to jump from the moving vehicle; he was unsuccessful.

A1C Injerd had a temperature of 101° at the time of his arrest; however, did not display any other COVID-19 symptoms. A1C Injerd will continue to be monitored for COVID-19 symptoms; his temperature has returned to normal. FBI Dallas detained A1C Injerd until the 7th Security Forces Squadron Confinement Team from Dyess arrived to transport him back to Abilene, Texas, where he was placed in pre-trial confinement at the Taylor County Detention Center, pending trial by courts-martial.

OSI accomplished A1C Injerd's criminal booking in Abilene. No OSI personnel were anticipated to be under quarantine from this operation.