

SELF-PROCLAIMED SERIAL KILLER ON THE LOOSE

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GULFPORT, Miss. -- Federal marshals joined the search Monday for self-proclaimed serial killer **Donald Evans**, who escaped from a jail where he was being held awaiting trial in the slaying of a 10-year-old girl.

Evans broke out of the Harrison County jail when he and two other inmates overpowered a guard with a homemade knife Sunday night, police said. One inmate was recaptured quickly.

Ricky Kestner, a spokesman for the U.S. Marshals Service, said it was joining the search because Evans is an escaped federal prisoner.

Evans, 35, faces a possible death penalty in his trial due to begin Aug. 23 on charges that he raped and murdered Beatrice Routh.

Evans claims he has killed 76 other people in 21 states and Canada.

He already was serving a life sentence after pleading guilty to federal kidnapping charges in the case.

Evans led police to Beatrice's body along Mississippi's Gulf Coast in August 1991.

He said he wanted to be executed for the child's death, but entered a plea of not guilty.

Caption: Photo

: **Donald Evans**

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