



(Globe Photo by John Landers)

A SHORT TRIP—Revere M.D.C. Police hold three Deer Island escapees, Clifford Grandmont of Haverhill, Peter Vellis of Lynn and Robert Donati of Everett. Officers are (left to right) James Hodgson, Richard Ringdahl, Joseph Kelliher and Robert Bidder.

3 Deer Island Escapees Free Only 40 Minutes

Three Deer Island inmates enjoyed 40 brief minutes of freedom yesterday before they ran into the arms of M.D.C. Police on Shore Drive in Winthrop.

Taken into custody were Clifford Grandmont, 33, of Essex st., Haverhill; Peter Vellis, 21, of Summer st., Lynn; and Robert Donati, 19, of Carlson st., Everett.

The trio will appear in East Boston District Court tomorrow morning. Vellis is charged with operating without a license and using a car without authority and the other two with using a car without authority.

The men fled the House of

Correction at 6:15 p.m. during the showing of a film, "Say One for Me," with Bing Crosby and Debbie Reynolds, to the inmates.

Capture came at 6:55 p.m. as they drove near the Revere line in a stolen car owned by Frank DeBois of 54 Locust st., Winthrop.

Officers Richard Ringdahl and Robert Bidder of the Revere M.D.C. Station, on the look-out for the escapees, stopped the car to question the occupants. One of the riders was wearing a sweatshirt marked "Deer Island."

Donati was serving a 2½-

months.

Grandmont, sentenced to two years and nine months for breaking and entering and auto violations, arrived at Deer Island last month.

Grandmont jumped \$1650 bail set in Haverhill District Court last July and while awaiting sentence last month in Middlesex Superior Court in Lawrence, walked from the courthouse during a recess, only to be returned the next day.

The men said they walked across the mud flats at ebb tide from the island to Winthrop.