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As of the middle of last week, Drew Steier, one of two men robbing the Wallace bank, was still on the lam. Steier escaped from the McCook Work Ethic camp and stole a car.

Steier, 21, of Evanston, Wyo., was serving one-and-a-half to three years in prison after being convicted of attempted robbery of the Farmers State Bank in Wallace on Aug. 13, 2012. He was sentenced on April 8 of this year in Lincoln County after entering a no contest plea.

According to reports, Steier escaped around 8 p.m. Friday, July 5 by going over the fence at the work ethic camp. He was seen at 10 p.m. that night driving east out of Ogallala which is 100 miles from McCook.

According to the Nebraska State Patrol, after climbing the fence, Steier evidently walked into McCook one-half mile and stole a white 1998 Subaru Legacy.

A person matching his description drove off without paying for gas at a convenience store in McCook shortly afterward. A convenience store in Ogallala reported that a person matching Steier's description drove away without paying for gas at around 10 p.m. that night and headed east.

Steier is 6-foot-four and weighs 270 pounds. He has brown hair, blue eyes, and was last seen wearing khaki pants and shirt.

The clerks at both convenience stores identified the car and Steier from a photograph. The stolen Subaru has a dent in the left rear quarter panel.

Steier spent 238 days in the Lincoln County Jail before sentencing.

His accomplice, Tracy Black, 53, who was driver of the getaway vehicle at the Wallace robbery, was also convicted and sentenced to serve the same.