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PUBLIC NOTICE OF HIGH RISK INMATE RELEASE

PIERRE, S.D.- Corrections Secretary Denny Kaemingk is providing notification to law enforcement and the public about the pending release of a state prison inmate.

Inmate Wayne Tobias, age 30, is currently serving a 5-year sentence for simple assault on a law enforcement officer.

Tobias is white, 5-feet-10-inches tall and weighs approximately 190 pounds.

Pursuant to Tobias' judgment of conviction, his sentence expires on Sept. 8, 2016. Because he will have completed his full sentence, Tobias must be released from prison. He will not be under supervision, such as parole. DOC does not have jurisdiction to supervise an offender who has completed their entire sentence inside the prison.

"Based on his criminal history, institutional disciplinary record and institutional assessments that indicate a high risk for committing future acts of violence, I am alerting law enforcement and the public of this offender's pending release from prison," said Kaemingk.

Tobias has indicated he plans to live in Sioux Falls upon his release.

This specific notification is in addition to the letters currently sent to law enforcement and notices provided to the Division of Criminal Investigation each month.

Since 2011, the Department of Corrections has issued a total of eight public notices of pending high risk inmate releases and one public notice of a high profile inmate release.

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