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State Prison Inmate Placed on Escape Status

RAPID CITY, S.D.- A state prison inmate has been placed on escape status after walking away from a minimum-security facility.

Inmate Robert Running Shield left the Rapid City Community Work Center without authorization during the evening of March 27.

Running Shield, age 51, is Native American. He is 6 feet 1 inches tall and weighs approximately 170 pounds. He has partially gray hair and brown eyes.

Running Shield is currently serving a 10-year sentence with 6 years suspended for possession of a controlled substance out of Minnehaha County. He has additional concurrent sentences for failure to appear and possession of a controlled substance.

Anyone who sees Running Shield or knows of his whereabouts should contact law enforcement immediately.

Leaving a non-secure correctional facility without authorization constitutes second-degree escape, a class 5 felony, and is punishable by a maximum of 5 years in prison. South Dakota Codified Law 22-11A-5 states that any person who conceals any prisoner knowing that the prisoner has escaped is guilty of a Class 5 felony.

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Additional information on sentencing is available on the Offender Locator portion of the DOC website at <http://doc.sd.gov/adult/lookup/>.

Our mission is to protect the citizens of South Dakota by providing safe and secure facilities for juvenile and adult offenders committed to our custody by the courts. To provide effective community supervision to offenders upon their release and to utilize evidence-based practices to maximize opportunities for rehabilitation.