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#### State Prison Inmate Jeremiah Stands Placed on Escape Status

RAPID CITY, S.D.- A minimum-security inmate has been placed on escape status after failing to return to his assigned housing unit following a job search.

Inmate Jeremiah Stands left the Rapid City Community Work Center this morning to search for work release employment but failed to return at the appointed time. Escape procedures were enacted and law enforcement was notified.

Stands, age 32, is Native American. He is 5 feet 9 inches tall and weighs approximately 285 pounds. He is serving a 5-year sentence with 2 years suspended for fourth offense DWI out of Tripp County.

Anyone who sees Stands or knows of his whereabouts should contact local law enforcement immediately.

Failing to return to custody following an assignment or temporary leave constitutes second-degree escape, a class 5 felony, and is punishable by a maximum of five 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.

There are more than 200 minimum-security inmates statewide assigned to the work release program.

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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.