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Contract employee found unconscious at Penitentiary Annex

PIERRE, S.D. – At approximately 8:48 a.m. (CST) today Friday, March 19, a contract employee at the South Dakota State Penitentiary was found unconscious in the staff office of the Jameson Annex dining room.

The correctional officer who found the contract employee initiated a Code Red, a call for an emergency response from other penitentiary staff.

An ambulance was called and the contract employee was transported to a Sioux Falls hospital. The condition of the contract employee is unknown.

The Division of Criminal Investigation (DCI) was notified, and DCI staff is investigating the incident.

Warden Doug Weber will be available via conference call at 1:30 p.m. (CST.) Media wishing to take part should call (605)773-6154.