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Work Release Inmate Back In Custody

(SIOUX FALLS, S.D.)- A state prison inmate that failed to return to a work release center last month is back in custody.

Courtney Mitchell turned herself in to law enforcement in Sioux Falls Dec. 30 and made an initial court appearance Dec. 31 on a second-degree escape charge. She has since been returned to the South Dakota Women's Prison in Pierre.

Mitchell failed to return to the Minnehaha County Correction Center (MCC) in Sioux Falls following a shift at her work release job on Dec. 27. The state contracts with MCC to house female inmates on work release status in Sioux Falls.

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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.