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State Prison Inmate Back In Custody

PIERRE, S.D.- A state prison inmate who walked away from his community service worksite in August is back in custody.

Michael Merrival was apprehended in Rapid City overnight. He is currently being held at the Pennington County Jail.

Merrival left his community service assignment in Rapid City Aug. 23 without authorization.

He is serving a 10-year sentence and a concurrent 5-year sentence for grand theft out of Pennington County.

Failing to return following an assignment constitutes second-degree escape, a class 5 felony, and is punishable by a maximum of 5 years in prison.

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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.