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### State Prison Inmate Placed On Escape Status

RAPID CITY, S.D. – A state prison inmate from the Rapid City Community Work Center has been placed on escape status after walking away from a community service work site.

Inmate Kenneth Hermanson, age 38, left the work site in Rapid City this afternoon and failed to return to the Work Center.

Hermanson is a white male, 5-feet-10 inches tall and weighs approximately 180 pounds. He has brown hair and blue eyes.

Hermanson was sentenced in April 1997 to 25 years in prison for a conviction of committing a crime while armed from Meade County.

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