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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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