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South Dakota State Prison Inmate Among Prison Transport Escapees

PIERRE, S.D.- A recent South Dakota state prison inmate is among a group of three inmates who escaped from a prison transport company in Illinois on Oct. 6.

Alonzo Young was in the custody of Prisoner Transport Services of America when he and the others reportedly escaped in West City, IL. He was being transported by the private transportation company to another state to serve his sentence as part of an interstate compact agreement.

Young is currently serving two sentences for first-degree robbery. He also has consecutive sentences for aggravated assault on a law enforcement officer, simple assault on a law enforcement officer and escape. Additional information on his sentences is available on the offender locator on the Department of Corrections website at <http://doc.sd.gov/adult/lookup/>.

"This inmate has a violent history, including assaulting two of our correctional officers, and is a very dangerous individual," said Corrections Secretary Denny Kaemingk.

Young, age 24, is a black male, 5 feet 11 inches tall and weighs approximately 140 pounds.

"Today, we are focused on providing information on Inmate Young to law enforcement agencies involved in the search to assist in getting him back in custody," said Kaemingk. "We will be asking for a full accounting from Prisoner Transport Services on what happened in this incident."

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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.