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State Prison Inmate Erving Cook Is Back In Custody

YANKTON, S.D.- A state prison inmate who was placed on escape status after failing to return from his community service jobsite is back in custody.

Inmate Ervin Cook was arrested in Roberts County on Aug. 5. He failed to return to the Yankton Community Work Center Aug. 4 after his work was completed.

Failure to return following an assignment is a Class 5 felony, punishable by up to five 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.