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PUBLIC NOTICE OF HIGH RISK INMATE RELEASE

SIOUX FALLS, S.D.- The South Dakota Department of Corrections is providing notification to law enforcement and the public about the pending release of a state prison inmate considered to be a high risk to reoffend.

Inmate Wayne Tobias, age 36, is currently serving multiple sentences for simple assault, including two convictions for simple assault on law enforcement from Lincoln County in 2021. He received a 14-year, 6-month sentence with 11 years suspended on each simple assault on law enforcement conviction. He received a two-year sentence with all of the time suspended for a third-offense simple assault conviction from Minnehaha County in 2021. Tobias has a previous prison admission for convictions of simple assault on law enforcement.

Tobias is compliant with his Individual Program Directive and has reached his initial parole date. He is scheduled to be released to parole supervision and GPS monitoring in Sioux Falls on August 9, 2022.

“Based on his criminal history and institutional assessments that indicate a high risk for committing future acts of violence, I am alerting law enforcement and the public of this offender’s pending release from prison,” said Secretary of Corrections Kellie Wasko.

This specific notification is in addition to the letters currently sent to law enforcement and notices provided to the Division of Criminal Investigation each month.

Tobias is white, 5-feet-10 inches tall and weighs approximately 180 pounds. He has brown hair and hazel eyes.

Since 2011, the Department of Corrections has issued a total of 12 public notices of pending high risk inmate releases. That includes a previous notice when Tobias discharged his previous prison sentence in 2016.

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