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Governor Wants Public To See Plankinton Reports

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(Pierre) – Gov. Bill Janklow said Thursday his office will publicly release the daily duty officer's report from the State Training School at Plankinton.

Janklow said he hopes the information will help South Dakota citizens to see for themselves the problems caused by some of the juvenile offenders who have been sent there by the court system.

"It's crucial the public understand what the employees and the kids who are trying to straighten out themselves and the taxpayers have to put up with from some of these kids," Janklow said.

"These kids are doing this to get attention. As soon as they found out they can get in the newspaper and on TV, they're now doing this all the time," Janklow said.

The duty officer report from the previous day is sent daily to the governor's office. Janklow said names of the juveniles and names of the training school staff will be removed from the report, and the modified version then will be released to the media. He also wants to post the modified reports on the Internet as soon as a web site can be prepared.

Here is the modified version of May 2, 2000, report:

10:00 AM (Male's name withheld) placed in Unit A of Juvenile Prison for threatening another student and insolence.

10:00 AM (Male's name withheld) moved from JP crisis cell to Unit D. However he remained on lockdown, pending an investigation.

17:00 PM (Female's name withheld) put on 5 minute observation in FSU cell by Mental Health.

18:05 PM (Female's name withheld) and (Female's name withheld) placed in FSU cells from Cottage for Insolence and failure to follow staff directives. Both returned to Cottage A at 8:30 AM on 05/03/00. Both JCA's contacted by e-mail.

There is no family to contact in (name withheld)'s case and phone contact was attempted with (name withheld)'s dad - will continue to attempt to make contact with him.

18:25 PM Code Red in Kennedy Cottage. (Male's name withheld) and (Male's name withheld) trying to fight each other. Guards respond and decision was made to work through incident. Both stayed in Kennedy Cottage.

18:25 PM (Female's name withheld) went into a seizure. Medical staff called and assessed the situation. She stayed in Cottage A.

20:50 PM (Male's name withheld) moved from D-9 to D-10 and remained on lockdown for threaten other student in JP.