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REDFIELD TRUSTY UNIT ESCAPEES BACK IN CUSTODY

(Redfield) - Two prison trusties who escaped from the Redfield Trusty Unit early Saturday were captured a few hours later in Madison.

Trusties Justin Rainwater, 22, and Eugene Perez, 21, stole a truck belonging to an employee from the South Dakota Developmental Center at approximately 12:30 AM on March 3rd. A count was conducted and Rainwater and Perez were determined to be missing.

They were captured in Madison at approximately 4:00 AM. Officers from the South Dakota State Penitentiary transported Rainwater and Perez to Sioux Falls a few hours later.

Rainwater began serving a five-year sentence for forgery out of Lake County in December of 2000. Perez began serving a two-year sentence for drunk driving out of Pennington County in September of 2000. Both will face escape and grand theft charges. Additional charges are also possible.

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