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Student Apprehended Following Escape from State Training School

(Pierre) - A student from the State Training School in Plankinton was arrested early this morning after escaping from the facility and stealing a car.

The 16-year old white male from Minnehaha County was discovered missing from his housing unit at approximately 11:50 PM Wednesday. Law enforcement and Department of Corrections personnel were alerted.

A short time later, a Plankinton resident reported that their car had been stolen. Law enforcement from Aurora County spotted the stolen car traveling south on Highway 281 near Plankinton and followed it. The student was apprehended a short time later in Stickney and returned to the STS campus.

Charges are pending with the Aurora County States Attorney's Office.