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### **Youth runs away from STAR Academy**

(Pierre) – A youth ran away from the Youth Challenge Center of the State Treatment and Rehabilitation (STAR) Academy near Custer overnight.

The 18-year old male was last seen at approximately 3:30 a.m. (MST) March 25<sup>th</sup>.

He is 5-feet-eight inches tall, weighs 160 pounds and has hazel eyes and brown hair. He is from Brookings.

STAR Academy staff and area law enforcement officials are involved in the search.

The Youth Challenge Center is one of the programs for boys on the STAR campus. A typical stay at Youth Challenge Center lasts from 6 to 9 months and involves the students participating in counseling, life-skills development, educational classes, vocational education, substance abuse treatment and wellness activities.