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Small fire causes minimal damage to prison shop

Pierre, S.D. – A small fire caused minimal damage to a shop at the South Dakota State Penitentiary in Sioux Falls this afternoon.

The fire started in the Sign Shop of Pheasantland Industries and was confined to a small area of the shop. Inmates and staff were evacuated from the building. One inmate suffered minor burns to fingers on one of his hands and singed arm hair as a result of the fire. He was treated at the prison.

The cause of the fire is under investigation. It is believed to be electrical in nature. The Sign Shop produces highway and road signs for the Department of Transportation and other government entities as well as decals for vehicles, mobile homes, boats and snowmobiles.

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