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**Search underway for state prison inmate**

Pierre, S.D. – A search is underway for a missing state prison inmate.

Mark Irish, age 50, left the Rapid City Minimum Unit this morning to go to his work release job, but he never showed up at the worksite.

He is believed to be in a 1994 dark green Chevy Suburban with the license plate number 2PN132.

Irish is 6-feet tall and weighs 180 pounds. He has brown hair and brown eyes.

Irish is serving a 9 year, 10 month sentence for distribution of a controlled substance out of Pennington County. He is also serving a consecutive 5 year sentence with all five years suspended for possession of marijuana.

Photos of Irish are available on the Department of Corrections website at:  
<http://doc.sd.gov/adult/wanted/escape.aspx>.

If you see Irish or know of his whereabouts, notify law enforcement immediately.