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Search For State Prison Inmate

(SIOUX FALLS, S.D.)- Department of Corrections staff and law enforcement are searching for a state prison inmate who failed to return to a work release center in Sioux Falls earlier today.

Courtney Mitchell, age 25, failed to return to the Minnehaha County Correction Center (MCC) in Sioux Falls this afternoon following a shift at her work release job. The state contracts with MCC to house female inmates on work release status in Sioux Falls.

Mitchell is a white female, 5-feet-11 inches tall and weighs approximately 245 pounds. She has black hair and brown eyes. She was last seen wearing a red shirt and blue jeans.

Inmate Mitchell is currently serving a 4-year sentence for Grand Theft out of Lincoln County and a 1-year sentence for Possession of a Controlled Substance out of Minnehaha County.

Anyone who sees Mitchell or knows of her whereabouts should contact law enforcement immediately.

There are more than 200 state prison inmates currently on work release status, including 15 females housed at MCC.

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Our mission is to protect the citizens of South Dakota by providing safe and secure facilities for juvenile and adult offenders committed to our custody by the courts. To provide effective community supervision to offenders upon their release and to utilize evidence-based practices to maximize opportunities for rehabilitation.