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### **Missing State Prison Inmate**

Rapid City, S.D.- Department of Corrections staff members and local law enforcement are searching for a missing state prison inmate in Rapid City.

Inmate Joseph Janis walked away from the Rapid City Minimum Unit this evening.

Janis is a 27-year-old Native American male with black hair and brown eyes. He is 5-foot-7-inches tall and weighs approximately 190 pounds.

Janis is currently serving a 5-year sentence with two years suspended for Possession of a Controlled Substance out of Pennington County.

Anyone who sees Janis or knows of his whereabouts should contact law enforcement immediately.

There are more than 900 minimum security inmates housed across the state, including more than 200 assigned to the Rapid City Minimum Unit.

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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.