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Search For Youth Runaways from STAR Academy

Custer, S.D.- Department of Corrections staff members and law enforcement agencies are searching for two youth who ran away from the State Treatment and Rehabilitation (STAR) Academy near Custer overnight.

Three male youth ran away from the Brady Academy shortly before 10:30 p.m. MDT July 2. One of the youth was apprehended south of the STAR Academy campus just after 2:00 a.m. He has since been returned to STAR Academy.

One of the missing youth is a 16-year-old Native American male. He is 6-feet-1 and weighs 215 pounds. He has black hair and brown eyes. The other missing youth is a 17-year-old Native American male. He is 5-feet-7 and weighs 150 pounds. He has black hair and brown eyes.

Anyone who sees either youth or knows of their whereabouts should contact law enforcement immediately.

STAR Academy is made up of three separate programs, including the Brady Academy and Youth Challenge Center for boys and the QUEST program for girls. There are a total of 69 youth housed in the STAR Academy programs.

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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.