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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 three youth who ran away from the State Treatment and Rehabilitation (STAR) Academy near Custer overnight.

Three male youth ran away from the Youth Challenge Center program at approximately 11:00 p.m. MDT Aug. 23.

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. Another of the missing youth is a 17-year-old Native American male, 6-feet-1 and weighs 120 pounds. He has brown hair and green eyes. The third youth is an 18-year old Hispanic male, 6-feet tall and weighs approximately 163 pounds. He has brown hair and green eyes.

Anyone who sees the 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.

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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.