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State Prison Inmate Placed on Escape Status

RAPID CITY, S.D. – A state prison inmate has been placed on escape status after walking away from a minimum-security unit in Rapid City Wednesday evening.

Inmate Salvador Ortiz left the Rapid City Community Work Center, a Department of Corrections facility housing minimum-security inmates and Community Transition Program parolees, at approximately 9:30 p.m. MDT on Oct. 7. Escape procedures were enacted and law enforcement was notified.

Ortiz, age 24, is a Hispanic male. He is 6-feet-3 inches tall and weighs approximately 175 pounds. He has black hair and brown eyes.

Ortiz is serving a 4-year sentence for third-degree burglary out of Pennington County.

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

Leaving a non-secure correctional facility without authorization constitutes second-degree escape, a class 5 felony, and is punishable by a maximum of 5 years in prison. South Dakota Codified Law 22-11A-5 states that any person who conceals any prisoner knowing that the prisoner has escaped is guilty of a Class 5 felony.

There are approximately 800 minimum-security inmates housed across the state, including 183 in Rapid City.

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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.