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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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