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State Prison Inmate Placed On Escape Status

PIERRE, S.D.- A state prison inmate has been placed on escape status after walking away from a minimum-security unit in Pierre Friday evening.

Inmate Meribeth Marrowbone left the Pierre Community Work Center, a Department of Corrections facility housing minimum-security inmates and Community Transition Program parolees, at approximately 8:16 p.m. CST on Nov. 20. Escape procedures were enacted and law enforcement was notified.

Marrowbone, age 27, is a Native American female. She is 5-feet-1 inches tall and weighs approximately 135 pounds. She has black hair and brown eyes.

Marrowbone is serving a 3-year sentence for possession of a controlled substance out of Minnehaha County.

Anyone who sees Marrowbone or knows of her 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 more than 700 minimum-security inmates housed across the state, including 165 females.

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