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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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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.