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State Prison Inmate Back In Custody

RAPID CITY, S.D. – A state prison inmate who walked away from a minimum-security unit in Rapid City last fall is back in custody.

Inmate Salvador Ortiz was apprehended in Rapid City Feb. 20. He left the Rapid City Community Work Center, a Department of Corrections facility housing minimum-security inmates and Community Transition Program parolees, on Oct. 7.

Ortiz is currently being held at the Pennington County Jail.

Ortiz was serving a 4-year sentence for third-degree burglary out of Pennington County at the time he left the Community Work Center. 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.

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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.