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Inmate Philip Richards back in custody

RAPID CITY, S.D.- A minimum-custody state prison inmate placed on escape status this past weekend is back in custody.

Philip Richards was apprehended in Pennington County today.

Richards left his work release job in Rapid City April 23 without authorization and failed to return to his assigned housing unit.

Failing to return to custody following an assignment constitutes second-degree escape, a Class 5 felony punishable by up to five years in prison.

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