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Inmate Matthew Fritz-Chappell in custody

RAPID CITY, S.D.- A minimum-security state prison inmate who walked away from the Yankton Community Work Center back in November 2020 is in custody.

Inmate Matthew Fritz-Chappell was arrested Feb. 17. He is currently housed in the Pennington County Jail.

Fritz-Chappell was one of three inmates who walked away from the Yankton facility Nov. 27. The other two inmates, Seth Boocock and Corey Bales, remain on escape status.

Fritz-Chappell is serving a 3-year, 9-month sentence for possession of a controlled substance from Yankton County and a 3-year, 3-month sentence with 1-year and 6-months suspended for possession of alcohol or marijuana by an inmate from Bon Homme County.

Leaving a non-secure correctional facility without authorization constitutes second-degree escape, a Class 5 felony punishable by up to five years in prison.