

Authorities Warn About Running Event

SIoux FALLS (AP) — Authorities in southeast South Dakota are warning residents about a seemingly legitimate running event that could be a scam.

The Minnehaha County Sheriff's Office says the "Color 5 Mile" organization lists Sioux Falls as a city that will host a race, but when authorities attempted to contact the group, they were unable to reach anyone.

The sheriff's office says the organization's phone number has been disconnected and its Facebook and Twitter accounts are not active.

The Better Business Bureau has also issued a warning against the organization. The bureau says "Color 5 Mile" has scheduled races in more than 100 locations nationwide, but many of the venues where the runs will supposedly take place have not heard from the organizers.

Event representatives couldn't be reached by The Associated Press Monday.

Police: Man Died After Car Rammed Pole

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — Authorities say a driver died after his car rammed a traffic signal pole in northeast Lincoln.

The accident occurred a little before 1:30 p.m. Sunday. Police Capt. Danny Reitan says the roadway was wet from rain, but it's uncertain whether weather played a role in the crash.

The man was alone in his car. His name hasn't been released, pending notification of relatives.

6 SD Nat. Guard Soldiers Are Activated

RAPID CITY (AP) — Six soldiers with the South Dakota Army National Guard in Rapid City are being deployed to Afghanistan for a year.

A deployment ceremony will be held Wednesday at the Army Aviation Support Facility next to Rapid City Regional Airport.

The six are members of Detachment 48, which is a fixed-wing aviation unit comprised of pilots and operations specialists who fly the C-12 King Air. Its primary mission will be providing aerial surveillance in support of ground commanders in the field.

The ceremony is open to the public. Planned speakers include Gov. Dennis Daugaard and Maj. Gen. Tim Reisch, the adjutant general of the Guard.

After training in Fort Bliss, Texas, for several weeks, it will be the third mobilization for Detachment 48, which deployed to Afghanistan in 2008 and 2011-2012.

3 Arrested After Boy Takes Pot To School

SIoux FALLS (AP) — Authorities in South Dakota say a 9-year-old boy, his mother and stepfather have been arrested on drug charges after police discovered that the boy took a baggie with marijuana to school.

Sioux Falls Police spokesman Sam Clemens says staff members at the elementary school alerted the school's resource officer that the boy had shown the bag to other students.

The officer talked to the boy and took him home, which was later searched after the officer noticed an odor of marijuana coming from the house. Clemens says officers found marijuana, methamphetamine and over a pound of another substance.

The boy was charged with possession of marijuana and released to a relative. The charges against his 31-year-old mother and 29-year-old stepfather include marijuana possession and abuse and neglect of a child.

Nebraska

2 Reported Dead In Prison Revolt; 4 Are Injured

BY ANNA GRONWOLD
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TECUMSEH, Neb. — A weekend revolt at a Nebraska maximum security prison that saw inmates temporarily take control of half the housing units left two prisoners dead, authorities said on Monday, probably killed by other inmates during the chaos.

Four other prisoners were injured and two staff assaulted at Tecumseh State Correctional Institution about 60 miles southwest of Lincoln, which houses serious offenders including Nebraska's 11 Death Row inmates.

Corrections Director Scott Frakes said the disturbance began at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday when about 40 inmates gathered in front of a housing unit. The two prison staffers were attacked when they tried to break up the gathering.

"As the group of inmates became more volatile, staff members were unable to control them," Frakes said at a press conference Monday morning.

Frakes described a harrowing, 11-hour ordeal, during which 100 to 200 of the roughly 1,000 inmates at the prison participated in the revolt. They took control of two of the four housing units, broke windows, tore down a wall dividing the housing units and removed security cameras, he said. Some prison staff barricaded themselves in offices. Smoke rose from the two housing units

on Sunday, and driveways to the prison were blocked.

"We didn't know if the inmates had acquired weapons during this time, in some cases they had destroyed or covered the cameras, so we didn't have a good sense of what was on the other side of the door until we opened it," Frakes said.

The housing units sustained fire, smoke and water damage.

The *Lincoln Journal Star* reported it received a call from inmate Jeffrey Frank just before 11 p.m. Sunday via a case manager's office phone.

"We've pretty much taken the whole prison," Frank told the newspaper.

He said that no prison employees were inside the housing unit and described the scene. "The ceilings are fallen. There's drywall on fire. There's cameras torn down," he said, according to the *Journal Star*.

Frakes said the prison was finally secured by 1 a.m. Monday. All members of prison staff have been accounted for and no inmates escaped, he said.

Once they regained control, authorities discovered the bodies of Donald Peacock and Shon Collins, both 46, who were serving sentences for child sexual assault. Peacock began serving a 40 to 50-year sentence in March, last year. Collins had been in prison since May 2010 and was serving 66 to 80 years.

Frakes said it appeared that they had been killed by other inmates but he would not give details. Tecumseh facility spokes-

man Rick Sanne declined to comment on whether their crimes were a factor in the deaths.

Four other inmates were injured. One was shot in the leg by a tower guard, another was injured by a rubber projectile and two sustained unspecified injuries from other inmates.

The prison will remain locked down while officials decide how to proceed. The state Fire Marshal was evaluating one of the damaged housing units to determine if inmates could be safely held there.

The disturbance came after Nebraska's Department of Correctional Services was rocked by scandal over the last year, including the release of some prisoners early because their sentences were miscalculated. Like many states, the prison system is overcrowded at 160 percent of design capacity, although Frakes said Tecumseh is one of the least crowded Nebraska prisons at 106 percent of design capacity.

Several corrections officials left the department after the early release scandal and Frakes, a former prisons administrator in Washington state, was brought in just three months ago.

Outside experts would be brought in to investigate the revolt and the prison staff's response, Frakes said.

Frakes said he did not believe the prison was understaffed Sunday, but he wasn't sure how many people were on duty initially. At least 76 additional individuals were called in to help with security.

South Dakota

Banks May Get One-Time Fees Break

BY BOB MERCER
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PIERRE — Rarely does a government program accumulate so much revenue that its main fee can be suspended.

The South Dakota Division of Banking is in that unusual spot.

As a result, the state Banking Commission will consider on Friday a one-time abatement of the bank examination fee.

If approved, the abatement would take effect for the June round of the semi-annual exams.

The commission took a

similar action in December 2006 for the examination fee that would have been paid in February 2007, according to Bret Afdahl, the division's director.

He said the commission also restructured the fee schedule in June 2009.

The fee amount is based on the assets of a state-chartered bank. Bank assets in South Dakota have been growing faster than the examination expenses during the past five years.

The balance in the banking division's revolving fund was \$2,811,048.88 as of March 31. That's more than needed.

Afdahl said the objective is to maintain a balance in the fund equal to the budgeted amount.

The budgeted amount is \$2,502,619 for fiscal 2016 that starts July 1, 2015.

"The rationale is to have funds for the next six months of expenses plus six months of budgeted expenses in reserve," Afdahl said.

"The reserve amount is a best practice for accreditation purposes and is intended to prevent the fund balance from going in the red in the event a large institution were to leave our system," he continued.

The abatement would

reduce revenue to the division from state-chartered banks by \$829,193 on a one-time basis.

The commission's public hearing on the rule proposal is set for 9:30 a.m. CT on Friday in Pierre. The meeting site is the Kneip Building, 700 Governors Dr., in conference room 3.

The commission also will consider a new rule requiring electronic transfer of payment for fees from banks.

The purpose of the electronic payment is to reduce the checks handled by the division and to make the division responsible to initiate the assessment process.

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