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Minimum Security Inmate Escapes from Pickens County Detention Center

The Pickens County Sheriff's Office is currently attempting to locate an inmate that escaped from the Detention Center earlier this morning at approximately 10:45am.

Jonathon Ray Jefferson Neal (24yoa) was brought into the facility on the afternoon of June 19, 2018, for a *Violation of Terms of Probation*. Preliminary investigation indicates that the inmate, who is classified as minimum security, was on a fenced recreation yard when he managed to scale a brick faced wall.

The subject was able to crawl through an opening in the overhead fencing and escape through multiple rolls of razor wire. He ultimately jumped from the roof of the facility and fled on foot.

Mr. Jefferson Neal is described as a W/M, 24yoa, 5'11", 155lbs. He left wearing an orange colored jumpsuit but information is that he changed clothes a short distance from the Detention Center into casual clothing.

This individual was not being detained for any type of crime of violence and not believed to be affiliated with a gang or any other known group associated with violence. The Sheriff's Office is asking anyone that sees this subject to report his location to authorities rather than to approach him.

The Pickens County Detention Center which was built in 1975 has a rated capacity of 93 beds. The inmate population on today's date is over 200.

Anyone with information regarding the whereabouts of this subject is asked to call the Pickens County Sheriff's Office at (864) 898-5500 or Crimestoppers at 1-888-CRIMESC.

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