



# News Release

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## Warner Creek Correctional Facility inmate walks away from fire crew

An inmate walked away this morning from a mobile camp at the Stouts Creek Fire near Canyonville. The Warner Creek Correctional Facility inmate was housed at the camp since July 31. Oregon State Police are investigating.

Oregon Department of Corrections (DOC) staff discovered inmate Kenneth Curtis Polchowski missing today at approximately 6 a.m. after a routine count. Polchowski is a 26-year-old Caucasian male, 5 feet 10 inches tall, 180 pounds, with brown hair and blue eyes. Polchowski was last seen wearing blue jeans with the word "inmate" and the DOC logo stenciled on the knee in orange, and a blue t-shirt with the word "inmate" and the DOC logo stenciled in orange on the front and back.



*Inmate Kenneth Polchowski*

Polchowski entered DOC custody on January 29, 2015, on four counts of identity theft, one count of theft in the first degree, and one count of burglary in the first degree out of Lane County. His earliest release date is October 6, 2017.

Anyone with information regarding his whereabouts is asked to call Oregon State Police at 1-800-452-7888.

WCCF is a minimum-security prison in Lakeview that houses approximately 486 male inmates who are within four year of release. WCCF provides a range of correctional programs and services including education, transitional programs, religious services, and work opportunities crews. WCCF has a contact center on site through Oregon Corrections Enterprises. WCCF opened in September 2005 and is Oregon's newest operating prison. It received the State Energy Efficiency Design (SEED) award in May 2008 for its progress in design efficiency. The most energy-efficient element at WCCF is the use of geothermal energy, providing 100 percent of the hot water to the facility.

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