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Eldora students ran from campus

Youth ran during transfer from gym to cottage

Des Moines, Iowa –Three students who ran from the Eldora State Training School in north-central Iowa remain at large.

The incident happened about 7:45 p.m. Thursday when students were escorted from the gymnasium to their cottage. Local police were contacted immediately to assist with the search for the youth, who ran into a nearby wooded area.

“We have procedures in place when such incidents occur, including contacting police, forming search parties and notifying family, juvenile court officers and area residents,” said DHS Director Charles M. Palmer. “Law enforcement agencies continue searching for these youth, and we hope for a safe and speedy return.”

The facility has 130 beds for seriously delinquent youth ages 12-18 who were adjudicated mainly for offenses against a person, including felonies and aggravated misdemeanors. Eldora is accredited through the American Correctional Association, and the court orders placement there. Eldora provides treatment and educational services within a highly-structured setting to assist delinquent youth.

Five other students who also ran were returned to the cottages within an hour.

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