



# NEW MEXICO CORRECTIONS DEPARTMENT

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**RIO RANCHO** – The Corrections Department and State Police are notifying residents of the Rivers Edge neighborhood in Rio Rancho to remain indoors, secure homes and vehicles, or if possible, to avoid the area.

On April 5<sup>th</sup>, a level-one inmate work crew from the Central New Mexico Correctional Facility's minimum-security unit was out on assignment near Rivers Edge in Rio Rancho. Correctional staff were supervising 12 inmates on the crew, when trustee inmate Manuel Villalobos walked off assignment after claiming to go to the restroom. Upon discovering that Villalobos had not returned and was not in the restroom correctional staff immediately notified the facility and an Incident Command Center was initiated.

NMCD's Security Threat Intelligence Unit and Fugitive Apprehension teams are coordinating search efforts with New Mexico State Police and Rio Rancho Police to apprehend the offender. The remaining level-one inmates on the work crew were accounted for and returned to the facility.

Villalobos is currently serving a sentence for breaking and entering, burglary of a vehicle, possession of burglary tools, and tampering with evidence. Villalobos would have been eligible for release in December of 2024.

Do not approach the suspect. Call 911 if you believe you have had contact with the suspect or if you are in danger. Report suspicious activity or any information on inmate Villalobos' whereabouts to the Incident Command Center at 505-263-3623.

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