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### **Recent possible drone sighting**

On the morning of July 15, one of our employees reported what appeared to be a drone flying over one recreation yard at the Utah State Prison.

Based on the report, all recreation yards were briefly closed. Officers in patrol vehicles, watch towers and on the ground visually searched the yards and surrounding areas for the drone or any items dropped but found nothing. The yards were reopened 15 minutes after the reported sighting.

Like Department of Corrections across the country, we are concerned about the increased use of drones and the implications they pose for our security. We are following and are engaged in discussions about possible means of preventing interference with our operations from drones. Meantime, our security staff aware of the possible threat and are maintaining a vigilant watch for them.

Introduction of contraband into the prison, by whatever means, is a crime and those involved may face misdemeanor to a felony charges, depending on the item.

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