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## **Rep. Steffen Pursues “Fugitive Alert” System** *Policy will Focus on Ensuring Timely Public Notice of Inmate Escapes*

**Madison-** Today, Rep. David Steffen (R-Howard) released the following statement in response to the recent incident involving Winnebago Correctional Center, wherein the public was not notified until four days after two inmates successfully escaped the facility:

“Residents have the right to know if a fugitive is on the loose in their community. This is a matter of public safety and when it comes to protecting the public, timeliness is key. I am working with the Department of Corrections and the law enforcement community to identify and implement a “Fugitive Alert” protocol, similar to the state’s Amber Alert and Silver Alert protocols. I believe a standardized and statutory set of requirements will assist the Department of Corrections, law enforcement community, and the communities of Wisconsin in addressing and responding to these critical public safety situations.”

Last week, the public received notice that two inmates had escaped from Winnebago Correctional Center. The notice did not come until four days after the escape occurred. For additional information, please follow the related news links.

Fox 11 News: [Oshkosh PD apologizes for late notice of escapees; Legislators want answers](#)  
WBAY: [Target 2: Public Notifications for Inmate Escapes](#)

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