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## BUDGET UNIT BRIEF – FY 2026

Fiscal Services Division

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### State Cases Court Costs

#### Purpose

The Department of Corrections (DOC) receives a standing unlimited State General Fund appropriation for State cases court costs. The appropriation pays for expenses incurred under Iowa Code section [904.507A](#) regarding all necessary and legal expenses incurred by an escaped offender.

#### Escapees

The last escape from a medium or maximum security prison was July 19, 2023, on a worksite in Victor, Iowa, while the offender was assigned to the Correctional Release Center (CRC) at the Newton Correctional Facility. The offender was apprehended on July 31, 2023 in Minnesota.

The last escape from a minimum security prison was on September 20, 2021. One offender escaped the Minimum Live-Out facility at the Iowa Correctional Institution for Women at Mitchellville and was apprehended within 20 minutes.

#### Expenditures

Expense claims are submitted to the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) and expensed against the State Cases Court Costs Account. No claims have been filed in at least 10 years. The institutions have been incurring the costs related to apprehending escaped prisoners.

#### Related Statutes and Administrative Rules

Iowa Code chapter [904](#)

Iowa Administrative Code [201](#)

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#### More Information

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