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Queensland Prisoner Aaron Currie Absconds from Facility

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Queensland Corrective Services and Queensland Police are actively searching for 34-year-old Aaron Stokle George Currie, who escaped from Palen Creek Correctional Centre on 5 August 2025. The minimum-security facility is located near Rathdowney in Queensland's Scenic Rim region.

Currie was serving a two-year sentence for the non-aggravated burglary of a non-residential property. Authorities have described him as approximately 170 centimetres tall, weighing

around 60 kilograms, with a medium build, dark complexion, black hair, and brown eyes. He has a distinctive square U-shaped tattoo on his upper right arm.

Officials have urged the public not to approach Currie under any circumstances. Anyone who sees him should contact emergency services immediately by calling Triple Zero (000). Information may also be submitted via Policelink's online reporting form, available 24 hours a day at police.qld.gov.au/reporting, or by calling 131 444. Anonymous tips can be provided through Crime Stoppers Queensland by calling 1800 333 000 or visiting their website.

This incident marks the third escape from Palen Creek Correctional Centre in recent months. Previous escapes involved inmates Mitchell John Connor and Thomas William Wightman. Connor was later apprehended in Brisbane and is now facing charges related to alleged offences including dangerous driving, robbery, and burglary. Legal proceedings in his case are ongoing.

Queensland Corrective Services stated that public safety remains the top priority and confirmed that search and investigation efforts are continuing in close coordination with the Queensland Police Service. Officials have reiterated the importance of community vigilance and are asking residents across the Scenic Rim to report any suspicious activity without delay.

The Department has not released details on how Currie managed to escape from the facility, but a full review is expected. Palen Creek Correctional Centre houses low-risk inmates and focuses on rehabilitation through education, farming, and community service programs. Repeated escapes have raised questions about the adequacy of security measures at the site.

Authorities continue to track leads as the search for Currie intensifies. Further updates will be provided as more information becomes available.