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(Neb)-Technology Bringing New Challenges To Prisons



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LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) - Nebraska prison officials are keeping an eye on new technology being used to smuggle contraband into state prisons, including drones.

A crashed drone with bags of marijuana and tobacco attached was found at the Lincoln Correctional Center two months ago and the federal Justice Department reported last year an increasing number of attempts to use drones to smuggle contraband into federal prisons over the past five years.

Nebraska Department of Correctional Services intelligence administrator Christopher Connelly says his agency created a Centralized Intelligence Unit formed last year to identify and stay ahead of technology trends.

He says the agency is also refocusing efforts to locate and recover contraband, particularly cellphones, which have become a growing problem. Among the tools being used to find cellphones that have been smuggled inside is the new detection technology Cellsense.