

Md. prison visitor drops off cell phones, chargers

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CRESAPTOWN, Md._Maryland state prison officials say they are searching for a visitor who dropped off four cell phones, along with chargers, phone cards and headsets at the North Branch Correctional Institution near Cumberland.

The Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services says the items were in a bag left in a trash can at the maximum-security prison Sunday afternoon.

The agency said Wednesday that an investigation turned up two more phones and a charger in a cell at the neighboring Western Correctional Institution.

The agency is cracking down on contraband smuggling to keep inmates from using cell phones to conduct criminal activity behind bars.

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