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Union Says Guards at Lansing Prison in Danger

LANSING, Kan. (AP) - A state employees union says attacks are increasing on guards at the Lansing Correctional Facility.

The Kansas Organization of State Employees says it has received reports that 10 guards were injured in five separate attacks between June 5 -9. The union blames the increased violence on a lack of staff at the prison.

Jeremy Barclay, a spokesman for the Kansas Department of Corrections, says inmates did attack guards on three consecutive days. But he says the incidents are unrelated and none of the guards were seriously hurt.

The Topeka Capital-Journal reports the union disputes that contention. It says it received reports guards suffered broken teeth, a torn rotator cuff and fingers bitten down to the bone.

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