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Labor Grievance Filed Over Work Hours at Neb Prison

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) - Nearly three months after a deadly Nebraska prison riot, corrections officers and caseworkers are still working mandatory 12-hour emergency shifts.

The situation prompted a state labor union to file a complaint against the Nebraska Department of Correctional Services. The union says administrators violated their contract by refusing to negotiate the longer shifts at the Tecumseh State Correctional Institution.

Two inmates died in the May 10 riot, and two guards and four inmates were injured. The prison has been requiring officers to work four, 12-hour shifts a week.

The complaint says Mike Marvin of the Nebraska Association of Public Employees emailed and met with corrections director Scott Frakes to discuss the shifts. Marvin sent a proposal to Frakes last month regarding their continued use, but the complaint says it was refused.

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