

Tecumseh Inmate Assaults Guards, Caseworker

TECUMSEH, Neb. (AP) - Officials say an inmate has attacked two guards and bitten a caseworker at the state prison in Tecumseh.

The Nebraska Correctional Services Department said in a news release Thursday that the melee broke out around 7:45 Wednesday evening when staffers were removing from a housing unit several inmates who appeared to be inebriated.

The department says one inmate punched a guard who'd told the inmate that he was going to be handcuffed. Then the inmate punched another guard who was restraining another inmate.

The department says more staffers responded with pepper spray to stop the inmate, who bit the caseworker in a thigh.

The two guard corporals were treated at Johnson County Hospital and released. The caseworker didn't seek outside medical care.

The department hasn't released the inmate's name.

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