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Staff Members Assaulted at Tecumseh Prison

(KLZA)-- Three staff members at the Tecumseh State Correctional Institution were assaulted Monday afternoon.

All three were taken to a local hospital for treatment of what were described as non-life threatening injuries. According to a Tuesday morning release from Andrew Nystrom, with the Nebraska Department of Corrections, all three staff members involved have been treated and released from the hospital. No inmates were reported to have sustained any injuries.

Preliminary reports indicate that, during an escort, an inmate from a maximum-custody general population unit housing 100 inmates, struck the staff member escorting him. Three additional inmates began assaulting that staff member and two staff members who responded to the initial assault.

The SMU West unit has been placed on a lock-down status pending investigation of the incident by Nebraska Department of Correctional Services investigators. All other housing units and facility operations continue under normal conditions.

Visitors of inmates in SMU West are encouraged to call the facility at 402-335-5998 before visiting.

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