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NDCS Staff Members Assaulted by Inmates

LINCOLN, Neb. – Two Nebraska Department of Correctional Services (NDCS) staff members were assaulted over the weekend. One occurred at the Nebraska State Penitentiary (NSP) on July 30, 2016, and the other occurred at the Nebraska Correctional Youth Facility (NCYF) on July 31, 2016.

A caseworker at NSP was assaulted by an inmate in a general population housing unit. The inmate struck the staff member with closed fist punches to the head and torso. Physical force was used to subdue the inmate. The staff member was transported to a local medical facility for treatment of non-life-threatening injuries and released.

A lieutenant at NCYF sustained a bite to the hand while trying to remove restraints from an inmate. Physical force was used to subdue the inmate. The staff member was transported to a local medical facility for treatment of non-life-threatening injuries and released.

The names of the staff members and inmates will not be released and an investigation is underway.

Assault on Nebraska Department of Correctional Services staff will not be tolerated. Both incidents will be investigated and the findings submitted to the local county attorney.

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