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Nebraska State Penitentiary staff members assaulted

(LINCOLN) – Two Nebraska Department of Correctional Services staff members, assigned to the Nebraska State Penitentiary, were assaulted by an inmate March 9, 2016.

At approximately 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, NSP staff were securing inmates in their cells for the evening when a correctional officer directed an inmate to return to his cell. The inmate struck the officer. A nearby officer assisted in subduing the inmate and was also struck as they took control of the situation.

The first officer struck was transported to a local hospital for treatment of non-life-threatening injuries and released.

The names of the staff and inmate are not being released at this time pending the completion of the investigation.

“While I am deeply troubled by this event, I am proud of the quick and professional response of the staff who acted without hesitation,” Scott Frakes, NDCS Director, said. “By its very nature, working in corrections is inherently dangerous. Knowing that your team is there for you, no matter what, enables NDCS professionals to help keep Nebraska safe every day,” he said.

Assault on Nebraska Department of Correctional Services staff will not be tolerated. As always, NDCS will investigate the incident and submit our findings to the local district attorney for prosecution.