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Lincoln Correctional Center staff member assaulted

(LINCOLN) – A Nebraska Department of Correctional Services staff member was assaulted by an inmate, today, April 6, 2016, at the Lincoln Correctional Center (LCC) in Lincoln, Neb.

At approximately 9:15 a.m., an inmate, with no provocation, struck an NDCS staff member when the inmate refused the staff member's directive leave the area. Nearby officers assisted that staff member in subduing the inmate and took control of the situation.

The staff member, who was assaulted, declined medical treatment citing no physical injuries. As a precaution, a staff member who assisted with gaining the inmate's compliance was transported to a local hospital for the assessment of possible 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.

"NDCS staff make up .1% of Nebraska's population and are some of our state's finest citizens," Scott Frakes, NDCS director said. "Like their counterparts in law enforcement, the military and other first-responders, they make Nebraska safer by making the choice to work in a potentially dangerous environment. Providing programming, treatment and the nature of incarceration itself involves contact with inmates, often in close quarters, and that presents risks. We reduce the risk to staff as much as possible through proven tactics, techniques and procedures. Keeping employees safe is a top priority for our agency," Frakes said.

Anytime there is an incident of this nature, NDCS formally reviews the event to identify contributing factors and future mitigation opportunities. Additionally, NDCS applies an internal disciplinary process to encourage accountability and responsibility for their actions and behaviors.

NDCS will investigate the incident and submit our findings to the local county attorney for prosecution.