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NDCS staff members assaulted

LINCOLN, Neb. – A Nebraska Department of Correctional Services staff member at the Nebraska State Penitentiary was assaulted by an inmate Monday, July 4, 2016 and two NDCS staff members at the Lincoln Correctional Center were assaulted by an inmate on Tuesday, July 5, 2016.

The incident at NSP began when the staff member attempted to talk to a visibly agitated inmate in an effort to de-escalate the situation. The inmate began striking the staff member with closed fist punches. 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 incident at LCC began when staff members, also attempting to de-escalate an agitated inmate, were struck by closed fists punches from the inmate. Physical force was used to subdue this inmate as well. Both staff members were 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. As always, NDCS will investigate the incident and submit our findings to the local county attorney for prosecution.