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NDCS Inmate Assaults Staff Member

LINCOLN, Neb. – Today, an inmate assigned to the Lincoln Correctional Center assaulted a staff member. At approximately 3 p.m., the inmate began punching a Corrections Caseworker in the head and upper body with closed fists. Chemical agents (OC spray) were used to subdue the inmate. The staff member was transported via state vehicle to a local medical facility for treatment of non-life-threatening injuries.

“Prison is inherently dangerous work and human behavior is difficult to predict. We utilize our internal critical incident review process to identify universal precautions and strategies to minimize these types of incidents,” said Director Scott R. Frakes. “Each situation has its own unique set of circumstances and, in this case, we have every reason to believe this was an isolated incident.”

NDCS will conduct a criminal investigation and results will be forwarded to the County Attorney. The names of the staff member and the inmate will not be released.