

## Media Release

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### TSCI in Modified Operations Status

**LINCOLN, Neb.** – Today, the Tecumseh State Correctional Institution (TSCI) was placed in a modified operations status. Information received indicates violent attacks on staff members may be planned. Housing units two and three are in a lockdown status and housing unit one and the special management unit are in modified operations status.

There will be no visits or volunteer activities from 5 p.m. Friday, September 2, 2016, through Tuesday, September 6, 2016. An announcement will be made on Tuesday regarding future visits and volunteer activities.

We have received information threatening serious violent attacks against staff members. “This information strongly suggests our staff members’ safety is at risk. That’s not a risk I’m willing to take,” said Director Scott R. Frakes.

“Typically, modified operations are in response to an incident. In this case, however, it is a proactive step taken to ensure TSCI operates without a serious incident,” said Warden Brad Hansen. “The safety of my staff is my first priority.”

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#### *Terms Defined:*

**Lockdown:** *A significant and unusual action taken to restore order and ensure the safety of everyone inside a facility. All inmates are confined to their cells, and are under direct escort any time they are outside of their cells.*

**Modified operations:** *Actions taken to more closely control movement of inmates within a facility due safety and security needs. Can include confinement in cells of a portion of the inmate population, cancellation of program/work activities, and direct escort of certain inmates – as determined by the Warden/designee.*