Employee Discipline Issued in Response to LCC Escape

LINCOLN, Neb. – Today, the Nebraska Department of Correctional Services (NDCS) announced disciplinary actions taken with regard to agency staff in conjunction with the escape of two inmates from the Lincoln Correctional Center in June. Disciplinary action has been issued to six NDCS staff including termination, demotion, suspension and disciplinary probation. Affected staff include senior management. State personnel disciplinary practices prohibit disclosure of staff identity.

Following the escape and capture of Armon Dixon and Timothy Clausen, NDCS conducted a critical incident review to determine what additional security and procedural measures needed to be taken to prevent future escapes. The critical incident review identified the need for personnel investigations into the actions of staff that contributed to the escape. The review resulted in enhanced security policies, procedures, protocols and practices, including increased control of inmate movement to and from work locations and a change to the procedures for vehicles entering and exiting the facilities.

Criminal charges have been filed against inmates Dixon and Clausen who are housed at the Tecumseh State Correctional Institution.

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