



## TOWER OFFICER FOILS MACOMB PRISONER'S ESCAPE PLAN

An officer in a gun tower thwarted an MRF inmate's possible escape attempt March 4.

At about 8:30 p.m., the CO saw a Level IV inmate scaling an interior fence. He was supposed to be heading back to his housing unit after receiving meds. The tower of-

ficer made a radio call for help while watching the prisoner's movement.

The inmate made it over the fence from the Level IV yard into the big yard. He was immediately apprehended by yard staff and a PSV officer. He was taken to segregation and the Level IV unit was

locked down for the night. MRF officers say this inmate has attempted to escape before.

**Nice work, officers.**

**This only strengthens MCO's argument that gun tower staffing is fundamental in keeping prisons and communities safe.**

## DOC CONTINUES TO SAY FAILURE TO FOLLOW POLICY LED TO ESCAPE

Last week, the Department released its investigation report on the ICF escape Feb. 2.

The report echoes statements Director Dan Heyns has said, claiming the escape wouldn't have happened if policies and procedures were followed. But it also reveals to the public security lapses,

including a misaligned zone sensor, that allowed Michael Elliot to escape.

MCO has reviewed the report. MCO believes, and is prepared to show, that many of the conclusions of the department are inaccurate. MCO is preparing to contest any unjustified discipline that may be

issued to officers. MCO cannot relinquish any details from the union investigation pending future litigation. Suffice it to say that MCO believes that a true neutral arbitrator will find that the department's failed policy in maintaining security and regular training will be the "critical failure" that led to the escape.

## CO HIRING EXAM GOES BY THE WAYSIDE AGAINST MCO'S PROTESTS

The Training Council has recommended ending the CO hiring exam, and the Civil Service Commission has given its stamp of approval.

MCO Executive Treasurer Bill Henderson, who represents correc-

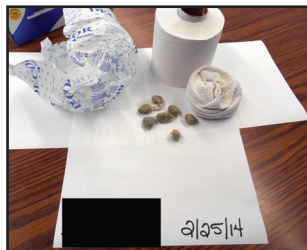
tions officers on the Training Council, was the only council member to vote against eliminating the test. Henderson and MCO are against anything that lowers CO hiring standards.

The Civil Service Commission

has approved the change. Corrections officer job information on the Commission's website states "a written test is no longer administered."

We will continue to fight for more stringent professional standards, including training and testing.

## MARIJUANA FOUND IN TOILET PAPER ROLL



STF officers found marijuana in a sock in an inmate's toilet paper roll Feb. 25. The inmate was a Level I in the N-unit. He is now in a Level IV unit at SLF.

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