



AROUND THE STATE: TONS OF SHANKS FOUND AT MTF AND JCF; MORE THAN 80 FOOD SERVICE STOP ORDERS RECORDED

13 shanks were found in one day at Cotton.

The weapons appeared to have been made out of locker metal. They were inside a hole in a wall adjacent to a porter closet in a Level 1 unit. Officers uncovered them during a shakedown.

Officers found 19 shanks in a shakedown Sunday at MTF.

The weapons were discovered a few days after three inmates were stabbed in housing units. One inmate was attacked in the Broadway unit, and two others were assaulted in the Henry unit.

The three inmates were treated at a local hospital and returned to the facility the same day. They were transferred.

Four Aramark employees were fired from IBC Wednesday for overfamiliarity.

Video surveillance footage showed the workers had been kissing and sexually touching inmates in a walk-in cooler.

An MDOC spokesman called four firings at a single facility in a single day “unprecedented,” according to media reports.

More than 80 Aramark employees

have now been stop ordered.

An MBP officer tells MCO there’s been a sharp increase in substance abuse issues this year.

In 2013, there were 48 instances of inmates being drunk. As of this week, there have been 61 cases in 2014. Officers attribute this to the ease of taking ingredients out of the kitchen.

Today an MTU Aramark worker was pulled over by law enforcement on M-21 near the facility.

He was placed in handcuffs. He did not show up for his shift that started at 11 a.m., officers say. Officers believe he was on his way to work when he was detained. Further details were not available.

A different MTU Aramark worker was stop ordered this week. She refused to allow COs to pat down an inmate food service worker.

In light of the Bellamy Creek debacle, MCO reinforced the message this week that overfamiliarity and turnover have a negative effect on the safety and security of prisons. Union officials were on TV newscasts in Grand

Rapids, Lansing and Jackson. A Detroit Free Press story quotes MCO also.

And on Sunday, the Detroit Free Press and the Lansing State Journal published a package of Aramark stories based on more than 3,000 MDOC documents obtained through open records requests.

Read these stories and more news at mco-seiu.org.

Food shortages and substitutions continue at STF. Here are some recent events:

7/9 – Corrections officers prepared food and supervised inmates in the kitchen when Aramark did not show up for early-morning Ramadan meal preparation. An officer and a sergeant oversaw Ramadan food lines.

7/11 – West side chow lines ran out of fish. Delay was 15 minutes.

7/13 – On first shift, east side chow hall ran out of meat twice. First delay was 45 minutes. Second delay was 12 minutes. On afternoon shift, east side chow lines ran out of beef stroganoff twice. Delay was 45 minutes. Polish sausage and fries were substituted.

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