



AROUND THE STATE: MAGGOTS FOUND IN POTATOES AT TWO MORE PRISONS; ICF MEMBERS WILL PICKET FOR A SAFER PRISON

Maggots were discovered yet again this week in potatoes at two prisons.

About 4,500 pounds of potatoes at Alger were thrown away Wednesday. A CO smelled something foul on the kitchen loading dock and found the infested potatoes. The officer called the deputy warden, who ordered the potatoes to be trashed.

Maggots were also found Wednesday morning in potatoes at the Oaks. Details such as how many potatoes may have been discarded weren't available.

The Attorney General's office has released a report of its findings on Michael Elliot's escape from the Ionia Correctional Facility Feb. 2.

The AG recommended MDOC staff the gun towers and reinstate the full-time PSV position.

MCO issued a media statement, pointing out that this is what union leaders have been saying for years. MCO is urging the MDOC administration to carefully consider the AG's report and follows its recommendations.

On Tuesday, Gov. Rick Snyder said he'll decide whether to terminate the Aramark contract in "the next week or two," according to media reports.

A few weeks ago, it was reported that a decision would be made by the end of the month.

We'll keep you posted.

Officers at SLF had to deploy several Tasers to gain control of a

fight involving about a dozen prisoners.

The melee broke out Monday afternoon while inmates were returning to a housing unit after yard time. Weapons were recovered. An officer said the fight was between Bloods and Latin Counts members.

Beams surrounding a volleyball court at DRF were removed Tuesday after staff discovered inmates were pulling metal stakes from the boards.

Under the beams, inmates had buried nails, screws, other metal pieces and tobacco cans filled with matches.

Four benches were also removed from the yard because inmates were trying to remove nails and screws from them.

Eighteen shanks were found in four days last week in one unit at JCF. Six inmates were sent to segregation.

And on Monday, two cell phones were found. One cell phone was found on an inmate July 18.

CO Morey was awarded a Coin of Excellence for finding several shanks in the past month, and CO Castilla received a coin for his part in apprehending an inmate with a cell phone. CO Roark was also given a coin for catching an inmate with a cell phone.

Thanks for your hard work, officers!

Recent events at SRF:

7/18 – Two officers found a 7-inch shank while scanning the yard with metal detectors.

An inmate was sent to Level IV for possession of a weapon.

7/20 – Officer found 7-inch weapon made out of locker metal in a prisoner's area of control. Prisoner moved to Level IV.

7/21 – Officer found 9-inch piece of sharpened locker metal in an inmate's area of control. Inmate moved to Level IV.

7/22 – Officer found more than 6 homemade cigarettes.

Another inmate was moved to Level IV for threatening behavior against an officer.

The ICF chapter will hold an informational picket Friday, Aug. 8 from 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. outside of Ionia Correctional Facility, located at 1576 W. Bluewater Hwy. in Ionia. All are welcome.

Security weaknesses that allowed Michael Elliot to escape – unstaffed gun towers and the lack of a full-time PSV officer – have not been corrected. ICF officers believe the public should be aware that the safety of their community is still compromised.

See you there.



From left: CO Morey, Warden Haas, Sgt. Gorang and CO Castilla