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# AROUND THE STATE: RMI INMATE TRIES TO ESCAPE THROUGH FRONT GATE; MORE SPOILED ARAMARK FOOD ENDS UP IN TRASH

A Michigan Reformatory inmate had a simple escape plan – pretend to be a visitor.

The prisoner tried to walk through the front gate after a visit Sunday. He told officers he didn't have an ultraviolet stamp on his hand because they didn't give him one when he entered. Officers asked him to show his ID, but of course, he didn't have one. The convict was wearing his authorized street clothes.

When it was clear the jig was up, the inmate said it had been a mistake. He cooperated with officers and was transferred to ICF.

Also at RMI, a 13-man fight broke out on the way to chow July 31. Another fight started around the same time during the walk to chow. An officer says the altercations were gang related. No serious injuries were reported.

Officials placed the facility on lock down. The lock down was lifted for Level II inmates Thursday.

A West Shoreline inmate has been taking selfies while on the yard and posting them to Facebook. The prisoner had a cell phone on him when he was searched Wednesday. His area of control was then searched, and officers found a cell phone charger, spud juice and marijuana.

The convict has been transferred to another facility.

# Brooks has had several stabbings and fights in the last two weeks.

7/27 – In Dublin unit (Level IV), prisoners stabbed another prisoner in the back.

7/28 – Nine shanks were found on Dublin unit yard.

7/29 – Inmate-on-inmate stabbing in Dublin unit.

8/1 – Fight on Eastlake unit (Level IV) yard.

8/6 – In Dublin unit, a prisoner armed with an 8-in. shank stabbed another prisoner in the back and arm.

Several metal pieces stripped from a dryer were found in a trash can last week at Bellamy Creek.

Problems with Aramark food haven't subsided, but there hasn't

#### been any announcement yet as to whether the contract will be canceled. How is Aramark saving the state money if hundreds of pounds of food are being thrown away every week?

Here are a few recent reports of spoiled food MCO could verify:

- Nearly three dozen boxes of lettuce and 14 bags of carrots were discarded from an IBC kitchen Wednesday. The food was expired.
- About 200 pounds of spoiled potatoes were discarded at MBP Tuesday.

Also, there was a chicken shortage at OCF Sunday. More than three dozen inmates were given chicken patties instead.

## 12-HOUR SHIFT UPDATE

Members at Central Michigan rejected 12-hour shifts in a vote Wednesday.

109 members voted yes and 154 voted no.

Also this week, a petition for a 12-hour shift vote at Bellamy Creek did not have signatures from half of dues-paying members at the facility.

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR: CHILDREN'S DAY PICNIC AUG. 23

Employees at Detroit-area facilities and all MCO members are invited to the Children's Day Picnic Saturday, Aug. 23 at Lower Huron Metro Park in Belleville.

This year's picnic will have a 60-foot slide, Disney characters,

live jazz, a DJ, bounce house, photo booth, video game bus, card tournament and of course lots of food and ice cream.

Bring the family to this great free event! The fun starts at 11 a.m.

See you there!

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