



## AROUND THE STATE: ARAMARK ISSUES AT 4 JOINTS

**Marquette B-block inmates have had enough of Aramark.**

On Nov. 8, dozens of inmates threatened to take over the yard. They were mad about portion sizes and peanut butter missing from breakfast trays (jelly was substituted). They had also received crumbled coffee cake. To quell the anger, inmates got two chicken patties at lunch Sunday.

Then on Nov. 11, B-block prisoner food service workers refused to push food carts and pass trays. One of them tried to hang himself and another cut himself. Officers believe they were acting out to protest the food. The food service inmates received incite to riot tickets. B-block prisoners usually eat last, an MBP officer said.

**Michigan Reformatory officers say inmates were served food that may have had glass shards in it.**

Someone was stirring a vat of food, and the stick he was using hit a light bulb. The bulb shattered, possibly

sprinkling glass into the food. The top layer was scraped off, and allegedly the food was served. The situation is under investigation. Before that, beans had spilled on the floor, but they were washed off and served.

Two Aramark workers have been stop ordered.

**More than 20 segregation inmates at Bellamy Creek refused to return food trays because they were unhappy about portion sizes.** Spaghetti was served for dinner Nov. 6. Some trays had large portions of food and some had small servings, an officer said.

Officers wrote several tickets for disobeying a direct order. The next day, the inmates started receiving food loaf.

**An Alger officer was making kitchen rounds Thursday when he found keys left in the commis-**

**THIS JUST IN: Hearing on RTW, 4% soon**  
MCO is hearing through court sources that the state Supreme Court will hear both the 4 percent and Right to Work lawsuits in mid-January 2015.

However, if that time frame is truly accurate, the sources indicate the official announcement will not occur until approximately Dec. 2, 2014.

MCO will update as soon as anything is confirmed. We may finally be getting close. Stay tuned.

**sary door, an officer said.** The keys belonged to the Aramark food service director, who was in the control center.

**An inmate slashed another prisoner Nov. 8 in 1200 unit, a Level IV, at Saginaw.** Movement was restricted in the unit until Monday.

**SRF raised \$1,300 for Kevin Ott last week.** Pulled pork sandwiches were sold for donations and staff on all three shifts chowed down. Thanks, Saginaw members!

## ENROLL IN FLEXIBLE SPENDING ACCOUNTS NOW

A message from OSE:

The Employee Benefits Division (EBD) encourages you to log into your MI HR Self-Service ([mi.gov/selfserve](http://mi.gov/selfserve)) account before Dec. 1 to enroll in a Health Care and/or Dependent Care Flexible Spending Account. Eligible employees who wish to participate in the 2015 plan year beginning Jan. 1, 2015 must enroll, even if you are currently enrolled in the 2014 plan year.

There are two types of FSAs: a health care FSA allows you to pay for eligible out-of-pocket medical, dental, prescription, vision expenses and more. A dependent care FSA allows you to pay for eligible expenses, such as day care, day camp,

nursery school, elder care and more. An FSA permits you to deduct up to \$2,550 per plan year (calendar year) for eligible health care expenses and \$5,000 for eligible dependent care expenses from your paycheck before taxes.

FSA Open Enrollment materials will be sent to you via email or mail (if you do not have an email address currently listed in your Self-Service account).

For more details, visit [www.mi.gov/fsa](http://www.mi.gov/fsa) or contact the MI HR Service Center at 877-766-6447.



## GRIEVANCE NOTICE: LUMP SUM DISPUTE

MCO has filed a grievance concerning the lump sum payment officers received Nov. 6.

COs who work 12-hour shifts work 104 hours more per year, and those hours should be calculated in their lump sum payments, MCO argues.

The et al. grievance was filed Nov. 7.

We'll keep you updated.