



AROUND THE STATE: NCF CO ASSAULTED; DRF INMATE MAKES UNSUCCESSFUL ESCAPE ATTEMPT; WEAPONS UNCOVERED AT ICF

A Newberry officer was punched in the face Thursday.

It was store day, and after an inmate picked up his order, he apparently gave it to another prisoner who doesn't lock in that cube. Officers say the inmate who took the bag can't have money in his account because he's paying restitution, so he had been using the other prisoner's account to order items.

An officer recognized the out-of-place inmate. She confiscated the store bag and was in the process of securing it in the unit office when the inmate followed her and started demanding the bag back. When another CO told the prisoner to stop yelling and leave the area, the prisoner punched him in the face.

The officer went to a hospital but returned to work the same day.

Also at Newberry, a physician's assistant had to pull his PPD last week when an inmate made threatening gestures. The health care CO position had been closed that day.

Newberry is a secure Level I prison.

An Aramark employee at Alger has allegedly been let go for fudging inventory records to the tune of \$66,000.

Officers say he was attempting to cover up the fact that lots of food could not be served for some reason (i.e. burned, spoiled, etc.). Officers think Aramark was responsible for the cost, not the state.

Their employee's last day was Oct. 31.



The 2014 elections are history. Get highlights and MCO's take on the results at mco-seiu.org.

An Aramark employee at SRF pulled meatballs out of the trash, rinsed them off and served them, officers say.

The worker had thrown away leftover meatballs after chow Oct. 31 and then realized there was one more housing unit wing left to serve. He was fired.

Another Aramark worker was ter-

minated that day for failing to report an inmate playfully grabbed her keys. He returned them. A camera recorded the incident.

A DRF inmate climbed a fence in an apparent escape attempt Oct. 30.

He was heading to lunch when he walked over to the med lines area. Then he bolted for the fence.

An officer made a radio call and went to the fence. The prisoner dropped to the ground.

The inmate is serving a life sentence and has been imprisoned more than 30 years. He is now at ICF, MDOC records show.

Level V housing units at Ionia Correctional Facility were shaken down this week after two 6-inch ice pick weapons were discovered in housing unit 3. The shanks resemble weapons used in an assault in the same unit a week earlier.

Pieces of metal, spud juice and other contraband was found in the shakedown.

INJURED SRF OFFICER KEVIN OTT THANKFUL FOR OUTPOURING OF SUPPORT

It has been three weeks since an inmate brutally assaulted Officer Kevin Ott at Saginaw Correctional Facility. Ott emailed MCO President Tom Tylutki this update. Please continue to keep Ott in your prayers.



WHV brought in more than \$1,000 at a pizza party fundraiser last week for Kevin Ott. Thanks, WHV! SRF recently held a fundraiser, too. Details will be in next week's KYI.

support I received over the last couple of weeks.

I really appreciated it when you took time out of your busy schedule to see me at the hospital.

MCO members from all over the state have been very supportive to me with cards, text, and emails. I am very humbled by this. This has

definitely made my recovery much more tolerable.

I am slowly healing. I can finally lay on my right side because the stab wounds are healing. My head still feels like a hang over every day, but it is getting better.

I just wish the "higher ups" would understand what kind of environment that has been created by these budget cuts. Just thought I would let you know and once again thank you and thank you, MCO.

Be Safe.

- Kevin Ott.

Tom, I just wanted to thank you for the