



## AROUND THE STATE: AMMO FOUND AT AMF AND ICF; JCS INMATE NEARLY ESCAPES

**A Cooper Street inmate was just a few feet from freedom when he got caught in concertina wire on the outer fence.**

The prisoner snuck out of his unit at about 1:30 a.m. Monday, dashed to the back of the softball field and scaled the inner fence. He got stuck in the concertina wire at the top of the outer fence, his legs dangling about six feet above free ground. He had tripped the fence alarm.

The inmate was transferred to Cotton and treated for minor cuts.

**Mailroom staff at Baraga found gun powder in a letter this week.**

The letter was addressed to a general population inmate. The prisoner has been moved to segregation.

**ICF staff found live .22 hollow-point bullets in a breakfast tray Tuesday.** Trays were being dispersed in Unit 3.

The facility was placed on lock down. The gun towers were manned. Unit 3 and food service were shaken down.

MDOC and Michigan State Police are investigating.

Also this week at ICF, a food service employee quit after hand-written letters between her and an inmate were discovered. The inspector searched the prisoner's cell after the CO assigned to the kitchen suspected she and the employee were overfamiliar.

And on Saturday, an ICF inmate was beaten and stabbed with a 9-inch long, icepick-style weapon on the yard. The

prisoner dropped the weapon when two officers responded with ECDs drawn. Nice work, staff!

**State food service inspectors found a lighter on the floor in food service when they inspected Ojibway Tuesday.**

**An Alger inmate was stabbed in a three-man fight in front of Pine housing unit Dec. 6.** The shank was about four inches long, and the victim suffered multiple stab wounds.

Pine unit was locked down. Not long after the lock down was lifted, another inmate-on-inmate assault occurred in the kitchen.

**A Level IV Saginaw inmate head-butted an officer Wednesday.**

The CO was taken to urgent care, but was released and returned to work before the end of shift.

Earlier this week, a visitor was caught smuggling in a drug-filled balloon. She tried to hide it in a chip bag. Michigan State Police arrested her.

**A four-man fight broke out at Marquette Wednesday when an inmate refused to pay other prisoners to use pay phones.**

Three inmates were controlling the phones and forcing inmates to pay to use them. One inmate refused. A gun tower officer had to fire a warning shot to quell the fight. No serious injuries were reported.

All four inmates are now in segregation.



### MEMBERS CAN STILL SIGN ONTO PORTAL-TO-PORTAL SUIT

Members can still add their name to the portal-to-portal lawsuit. Go to [mco-seiu.org](http://mco-seiu.org) to get a form or check if your name is already on the suit.

The portal-to-portal suit involves certain so-called "pre-shift" and "post shift" work which MDOC requires these officers to perform, but for which they are not compensated.

Last week, the case was heard in the 6th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals. The Court has not made a ruling.



### APPLY FOR SCHOLARSHIPS NOW

Scholarship applications for the 2015-2016 academic year are now on the MCO website.

SEIU, Union Plus and MCO offer scholarships for children of active members. MCO's program will award 20 scholarships worth \$750 each.

The first deadline is Jan. 31 for the Union Plus Scholarship. SEIU's deadline is in March, and MCO's is in June. Good luck!

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