



AROUND THE STATE: STAFF ASSAULTS AND OTHER ACTIVITY AT DRF, MR AND IBC

A Carson City prisoner assaulted an officer Thursday night, leaving him with head lacerations and two facial fractures.

The CO was attacked while carrying out a routine shake down in 1200 unit, a Level IV, at about 9 p.m., an officer said. The officer suffered a broken nose and orbital bone near his eye. He was treated at a hospital and released.

1200 unit was locked down.

The officer who spoke with MCO didn't know of any weapons being used in the assault.

Please join MCO in wishing this officer a full and quick recovery.

Recent events at DRF:

2/14

- Inmate in possession of 6-inch steel

rod.

2/16

- One to segregation and one to non-bond top-lock after a fight. A 5-inch piece of steel was found near the area of the fight.

- Inmate found in possession of two padlocks attached to sock and laundry bag.

A Michigan Reformatory officer has returned to work after being assaulted Monday.

The Level IV inmate was released from his cell to use JPay and punched the CO. The officer's lip required three stitches and his nose needed glue stitches.

He returned to work Wednesday.

Other events at MR:

2/17

- Two inmates to seg for assault.

2/18

- Three-prisoner fight on yard. All three to seg.

2/19

- Inmate stabbed 27 times in his cell.

Three inmates to seg.

- Inmate to seg for assault and battery.

A Bellamy Creek inmate punched a librarian in the face Feb. 15.

The librarian's nose was bloodied, but he wasn't seriously injured, an officer said.

The prisoner has been transferred to ICF.

REINTRODUCED GUN BILL PASSES FIRST TEST WITH HELP FROM MCO'S TESTIMONY

The House Judiciary Committee approved a new version of the gun bill at a hearing Tuesday.

H.B. 4159 would allow current and retired state corrections officers to carry firearms in pistol-free zones.

Jeremy Tripp, MCO's deputy for community and governmental affairs, testified that COs receive extensive firearm training in areas such as use of force and handgun retention. Officers complete 32 hours of initial firearms

training and four additional hours every year, he told the committee. Officers already carry firearms in restricted places, such as hospitals, while they're on the job. Tripp was one of about a half-dozen people who testified on the bill. Others who spoke opposed the bill on grounds that it creates an exception for certain people. Most said they wanted to see gun-free zones eliminated entirely. Rep. Joel Johnson, the bill's sponsor, said he agrees, but hopes this

bill is a step in that direction.

The judiciary committee passed the bill 9-2 with bipartisan support. Next, the bill goes before the entire House of Representatives for a vote. Officers, please contact your representative and ask them to vote yes on H.B. 4159. You can look up your representative on the MCO website.

The proposed legislation was reintroduced last month because the Senate did not take a vote on it last term.

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The Winter 2015 MCO Report is online now.

Read about Kevin Ott's recovery and his reflections on what could have



possibly prevented an inmate's brutal attack on him last fall.

There are also stories on MCO's legal fights (including the Right to Work and 4 percent lawsuits argued last month before the Michigan Supreme Court), lobbying efforts, Shop With a Cop and more.

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SCHOLARSHIP REMINDER!

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Children of MCO members can apply for the SEIU scholarship program.

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