



## AROUND THE STATE: TRINITY FINES COME TO LIGHT; OFFICERS ATTACKED AT ARF AND MRF; MARQUETTE COs QUASH ASSAULT

**MDOC has fined Trinity \$2 million since December 2015, according to media reports.**

Fines were imposed for everything from meal delays and substitutions to sanitation problems and low staffing levels. An MDOC spokesperson said the fines have been imposed to hold Trinity accountable. The MDOC's tally of Trinity stop orders stands at 114, media outlets reported.

Despite evidence to the contrary, the MDOC spokesperson was quoted in the Detroit Free Press as saying "(the) contract is working well..."

Access to nutritious food is a basic human right. When meals are frequently served with incorrect portions, spoiled items, and long delays, it brings instability to the prisons, which can have a negative effect on the safety of staff and inmates. This has been MCO leaders' concern with privatized food service for years. When will these issues end?

### **A Gus Harrison CO was stabbed in the neck with an ink pen Saturday.**

The officer was sitting at the officers' desk in the Level II 3-block when a prisoner sneaked up behind him and stabbed him three times.

The officer was treated at a hospital and returned to work that day.

The inmate was sent to segregation, and movement was restricted in the unit. The assault is under investigation.

Thank you, staff, who quickly responded to this assault.

### **Two Macomb officers were assaulted Jan. 14.**

A CO asked an inmate from the Residential Treatment Program (Level IV) for a shakedown as he was heading to chow. As the officer turned to set the inmate's ID down, the inmate punched the officer in the face, knocking him to the ground. Another officer quickly responded, and the prisoner began punching him in the face also. Other custody staff members responded and were able to gain control.

The assaulted COs received scrapes to their faces. One officer was taken to a clinic and then to the ER for further treatment. It was later noted that he received a concussion from the punches. The prisoner was taken to the RTP unit segregation wing and was issued two assault misconducts, as well as Incite to Riot and Threatening Behavior misconducts for trying to get other prisoners to assault staff. The prisoner was transferred.

### **MBP officers had to fire a warning shot to end an inmate assault Jan. 14.**

Two level V prisoners attacked another inmate near the phones on the yard. The two assailants were sent to segregation.

## PROTECT YOUR PERSONAL INFO!

Is your personal information on the internet?

MCO has heard concerns about a new website, familytreenow.com, that allows you to search for individuals based on name only. The site will list your age, birth year, family members, known associates, and current and past addresses. According to news reports, the information is gathered from public records, but many in the law enforcement community are concerned with the amount of information and convenience of the site.

Anyone can ask to have their information removed. To opt out, go to [familytreenow.com/optout](http://familytreenow.com/optout).

## LOOK FOR NEW SERVICE PINS

In an effort to recognize members for their dedicated service, the MCO Member Engagement Department will be sending out lapel service pins to honor hire-date anniversaries for milestone years! Members reaching their fifth, tenth, fifteenth, twentieth, and twenty-fifth anniversaries will receive pins in the mail upon reaching these milestones. You don't have to take any action to get these pins; they will automatically be mailed to dues-paying members after their work milestones.

Members are allowed to wear these union pins on their uniform shirt lapels. The bargaining team had this permission included in the contract so corrections officers can visibly show their support for each other behind the walls.

Thank you, members, for your time in service to the MDOC, and be sure to wear these special pins with pride upon receiving them. If you have any questions, email Member Engagement Associate Olivia Toretta at [olivia@mco-seiu.org](mailto:olivia@mco-seiu.org).

## IN MEMORIAM: JCF OFFICER JASON FERGUSON



Officer Jason Ferguson of Cotton passed away Monday evening.

Ferguson had worked at JCF for 10 years. He leaves behind a wife and children. Cotton staff had a

moment of silence Tuesday to honor Ferguson's end of watch. Funeral arrangements will be announced.

Please pray for peace for this officer's family, friends, and the staff at JCF.

Rest in peace, Officer Ferguson.