



AROUND THE STATE: SUSPECT FIRES SHOTS; MEALWORM FOUND IN FOOD AT OCF

An investigator with the Absconder Recovery Unit was involved in a shooting Thursday in Warren with an armed suspect.

The ARU investigator, assigned as a task force officer with the U.S. Marshals Service, was working to catch a fugitive wanted for first-degree criminal sexual conduct. They pinpointed the fugitive to an apartment complex, and as he was walking in the parking lot of a nearby party store, task force members tried to make an arrest.

The suspect drew a weapon and fired

shots at task force officers, including the ARU investigator. He and other task force officers on the scene fired back. The suspect, Frederick Brown, was shot and killed. It is unknown at this time whose shots killed him. No task force officers or bystanders were injured.

The MCO Legal Department immediately went to Warren and met with the investigator.

ARU investigators are MCO members. Union leaders and staff thank them for putting their lives on the line to track down dangerous fugitives.

A mealworm was found in rice at Ojibway last week.

The mealworm was discovered in cooked rice on an inmate's tray, MCO was told. By the time it was brought to the attention of staff, all of the rice in the serving pan had been dished out.

MDOC has fined Trinity for problems to hold the company accountable. Trinity is slated to get an additional \$4 million in the next fiscal year due to inflation and an increase in meal participation rates, according to legislative testimony last month.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE: SALARY BILL PASSES COMMITTEE; CORRECTION TO REFORM STORY

HB 4301, which would list state employees' names and salary info on the state's website, was passed out of the House Oversight Committee Thursday.

Next the bill will go before the entire House for a vote.

MCO laid out this bill in detail in the [March 10 KYI](#). MCO leaders and staff will continue to advocate against this bill and update members on developments.

CORRECTION: Last week's KYI story on the passage of criminal justice reform bills contained an error.

The bills do not require inmates ages 18-22 to be housed together with inmates of the same age range. While the Senate-passed version of [SB 22](#) had originally called for this measure, a House substitute was adopted and concurred by the Senate that removed this language.

The substitute instead adds a new requirement that the MDOC develop rehabilitative plans and programming specific to 18- to 22-year-olds in its custody. The rehabilitation plans must specifically take the prisoner's age into consideration and, to the extent it is able, provide prisoner programming specific for youth rehabilitation in that age range.

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Here's a glimpse:

Members in the western UP can visit Pine Mountain Ski Resort Iron Mountain for Public Safety Appreciation Week March 26-30. Corrections officers can get \$10 lift tickets, \$5 ski rentals, a \$10 discount on lodge rooms, and a \$20 discount on two-bedroom condos.

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Casino in Harris for only \$80 per night Sunday through Thursday. The rate includes a special casino package.

Or, take the kids for a trip to Kalahari-Wisconsin Dells. A package including hotel room and four water park passes starts at \$129 on select dates.

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