



AROUND THE STATE: STAFF ASSAULTED AT BARAGA AND THUMB; CORRECTIONS OFFICERS DEAL WITH VIOLENCE AT ALGER, LAKELAND, AND IONIA

Alger officers have been busy responding to fights and uncovering contraband.

Officers intervened in a fight between two Level IV inmates in the chow hall March 26.

Tattoo paraphernalia was found on two Level IV prisoners a few days later.

On March 29, a Level IV prisoner cut another inmate's head with a weapon made from a piece of finger nail clippers. Both inmates were in one of the Cedar unit's reintegration wings.

The next day, a fight broke out between two Level IV prisoners outside the chow hall.

Sunday, officers responded to a five-inmate fight in the day room of the Level IV Maple unit. The brawl started over access to the J-Pay kiosk.

No staff injuries were reported in any of these altercations.

A Baraga officer was dressed out with feces last week.

The CO was passing dinner trays in a Level V seg unit when an inmate tossed a cup of feces up at him through the food slot. Photos were taken for evidence. The CO went to a hospital.

Signs stating the penalty for dressing

out staff (one of the Officer Dignity Initiatives' key accomplishments) have been placed in every unit at AMF.

A prison counselor was assaulted at Thumb last week, and an officer suffered a sprained ankle while responding.

The counselor was speaking with an inmate outside his cell and noticed the prisoner acting strange. He walked into the cell to do an inspection. The inmate followed the PC into the cell and grabbed him. A struggle ensued. At one point, the prisoner grabbed a contraband cell phone and smashed it. The PC pushed his Personal Protective Device, and COs quickly responded. One CO suffered an ankle sprain, and the PC hurt his shoulder. Both returned to work.

The prisoner was transferred.

A Lakeland inmate exposed himself to a volunteer last week.

The volunteer was at LCF for a religious service. Police investigated, and the case will be forwarded for possible prosecution, officers said.

This prisoner has exposed himself a few times before to women on staff, MCO was told.

There have also been a few serious assaults and fights at the facility.

A few weeks ago, an inmate stabbed another prisoner in the eye with an icepick-style weapon. The assault happened in the Level II E-unit.

In C-unit, also Level II, a prisoner suffered a head injury in a fight. Two inmates had a disagreement that was elevated when one inmate threw coffee on the other and threatened him with hobby craft scissors, officers said.

LCF has many open-dorm units. This fight started in an 8-man cube, which was built for 4, officers said. At Lakeland and elsewhere, MDOC has artificially created overcrowding to trim the budget.

An ICF prisoner stabbed another inmate in the head and neck Sunday.

The assault happened when Unit 5 (Level V) was released for showers. The attacker was armed with a 6-inch piece of aluminum sharpened to a point. The victim was sent to a hospital for puncture wounds.

No staff injuries were reported.

IN MEMORIAM:

ANDREW OVERTON



MTU Officer Andrew Overton passed away Monday.

Overton was the second shift property room officer. He had 16 years with the MDOC. His coworkers say he was a great CO.

Family will receive friends from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. April 8 at the Palmer Bush & Jensen Family Funeral Homes (Delta Chapel), 6020 W. Saginaw Hwy., Lansing, MI 48917. A service will start at 3 p.m.

Please join us in wishing peace for Overton's family and friends and for MTU staff.

Rest in peace, Officer Overton.

Jackson members: MCO setting up special meeting on 401(k)

Jackson members are invited to attend a special 401(k) information session presented by Mainstay Capital Management and MCO.

The event will be at 2:15 p.m. April 20 at Comfort Inn, 2435 Shirley Dr., Jackson, MI. [See a flyer.](#)

Please RSVP to tara@mco-seiu.org or cherelyn@mco-seiu.org by April 17 if you would like to attend. This event is for MCO members only.

Many members have indicated they'd like guidance in retirement plan-

ning. This is just another way MCO is stepping up to meet members' needs.

Mainstay is a Michigan-based independent advisor that actively manages 401(k) and 457 retirement accounts. Mainstay can actively manage your retirement accounts as well as counsel you on a number of financial planning topics. Mainstay has worked with UAW members for decades.

Members who attend will also get information on MCO's new Member Benefits Department. See you there!