



AROUND THE STATE: MR FOOD SERVICE EMPLOYEE CAUGHT WITH DRUGS; MOLDY CHEESE SERVED AT WCC

Suspected heroin, marijuana, and lots of cash was found in a Trinity employee's vehicle at Michigan Reformatory Aug. 1. Other contraband, including weapons, spud juice, a tattoo gun, and a white powder were also uncovered that day during a facility shakedown.

The Trinity employee was walking into work when she noticed the shakedown in progress and ran back to her car. Her vehicle was searched and the contraband was found. The employee was placed on stop order.

The Bruce Curtis recruit class did the shakedown. They graduate Friday in Lansing. Nice work!

WCC officers found 8 pounds of cheese hidden in the kitchen

July 21.

The search started after Trinity staff told CMOs that 5 pounds of cheese was missing, members said. Officers discovered the cheese on the rack used to hang clean kitchen uniforms. They noticed mold on the cheese, and then found the cheese on the serving line also contained mold. About half of the prisoners and some CMOs had already eaten the cheese, officers said. Chow lines were stopped until fresh cheese could be substituted.

Food theft is a serious problem and seems to be on the rise over the last few years. It drives up food costs, and food can be sold on the yard for high prices, which can create safety and security threats.

MCO APPEALS RUO TO STATE SUPREME COURT

The MCO Executive Board has decided to appeal the RUO/CMUO decision to the Michigan Supreme Court.

MCO attorneys will file notice of our intent to appeal before the Aug. 10 deadline.

Remember, the Supreme Court picks which cases to hear. The Supreme Court may decline to take our lawsuit. In that case, the Court of Appeals ruling would stand.

In June, the Court of Appeals heard arguments in the RUO case and sided against MCO.

MCO has been fighting the RUO/CMUO abolishment for more than five years. For a timeline of MCO's actions, [go to our website](#).

NOMINATIONS FOR CHAPTER ELECTIONS GOING ON NOW

August is the nomination acceptance period for members wishing to run for chapter elections. All members in good standing for the last two years are eligible to run. To declare your candidacy and get your name on your chapter's ballot, you must submit your name to your chapter election committee in the month of August. The committee will first verify your membership.

If you have any questions, please contact MCO Member Engagement Associate Jim McHenry at jim@mco-seiu.org.

Chapter elections are held in September in every odd-numbered year. For more details, see Article 19 of the [MCO bylaws](#).

Crisis Fund Golf Outing features silent auction

This year's Crisis Fund Golf Outing will include a silent auction where golfers can bid on a framed collection of Detroit Pistons tickets.

The compilation includes a home-game ticket from every Pistons season from 1988-2013. The Detroit Pistons donated this special prize – thanks,

Pistons!

The silent auction will open when the golf outing registration begins at 8:15 a.m. The winner will be announced in the afternoon once all teams are back at the clubhouse. You must be present to bid or win.

The outing will be Friday, Aug. 18 at Ledge Meadows Golf Course in Grand Ledge. **Time is running out to register a team or sponsor a tee or cart sign. There are only a few spots left.** [See this flyer](#) for details or call the MCO central office at (517)485-3310.

The annual Golf Outing raises money for the Crisis Fund, which helps MCO members facing catastrophe.

