



AROUND THE NATION: PENNSYLVANIA OFFICER DIES AFTER ASSAULT; UPDATES FROM AMF, ICF, ARF

A Pennsylvania corrections officer died Monday from injuries he suffered in a prisoner assault 11 days earlier.

Sgt. Mark J. Baserman worked at State Correctional Institution-Somerset. He was a member of the Pennsylvania State Corrections Officers Association. MCO sent a card and flowers to his union to express Michigan officers' condolences.

Baserman was at a desk in a housing unit when an inmate punched him several times in the head and stomped on him with heavy work boots, [according to media reports](#). Another officer intervened, and the inmate assaulted him before turning back to Baserman.

The prisoner may have attacked Baserman because he took a towel the inmate had hung in his window, blocking the view of his cell.

Services are planned for March 7.

Please join us in wishing peace for Baserman's family, friends, and coworkers.

Rest in peace, Sgt. Baserman.

Baraga COs uncovered several weapons last week.

After a prisoner dropped a weapon as he was walking into a shower stall, officers shook down his cell and found 10 plastic weapons in a locker. The weapons appeared to be made from a TV's plastic cover. The prisoner was in a Level V unit's reintegration wing, meaning he had been in segregation and was being eased back into general population.

Also last week, officers found a toothbrush sharpened into a weapon. It was hidden inside a cable outlet cover in an inmate's cell.

Another Level V inmate had sharpened the arms of a pair of glasses and stashed them in a cell vent. Staff found them during a routine search.

Great job to AMF officers who discovered this contraband.

ICF staff responded to an inmate assault that involved two weapons.

Two Level V prisoners attacked another inmate on the Unit 5 yard Wednesday. Officers say it was gang-

related. The assaulted inmate suffered minor injuries.

A Level IV Gus Harrison inmate covered his cell window and threatened to harm his cell mate, but a staff squad extracted both inmates with no reported injuries.

The prisoner wouldn't obey staff orders to uncover his window. After he threatened to slit his cell mate's throat, a squad was called in.

The inmate who made threats went to segregation.

Good job to the staff who intervened quickly to prevent possible violence.

Last week's [story about a dress out at Bellamy Creek](#) was picked up by the [Ionia Sentinel-Standard](#) and [CorrectionsOne](#). Earlier this week, it was the most read news article on CorrectionsOne. *This illustrates the reach and impact of the KYI. Let us know what's going on at your facility. Email Communications Director Anita Lloyd at anita@mco-seiu.org. Thanks, members.*

IN MEMORIAM: AGENT DANA (TAYLOR) BRYE



Probation Agent and former CO Dana Brye passed away Feb. 27.

Brye's name was

Dana Taylor when she worked as an officer. She started at the

now-closed Western Wayne Correctional Facility in 1998. She also worked at Women's Huron Valley before becoming an agent.

Keep her family, friends, and colleagues in your thoughts.

Rest in peace, Agent Brye.

MTF CLOSURE UPDATE: LAYOFF/BUMP NOTICES TO BE ISSUED MONDAY

Layoff/bump notices will be distributed to officers in the West Shoreline layoff unit Monday, March 5. The MDOC human resources director will deliver letters to affected MTF staff in person Monday. Affected LRF and MCF staff will get notification from their HR office.

MCO staff will be in Muskegon Monday and Tuesday to meet with members and answer any questions.

They will be at MTF Monday from 5 a.m. to 10 a.m. and from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. in the room across the hall from the CO lunchroom and the deputy warden's office.

Tuesday they will tour MCF from 10 a.m. to noon. Also Tuesday they will be in the LRF conference room near the employee entrance from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

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