



AROUND THE STATE: ICF INMATE NEARLY ESCAPES; STABBINGS AT ECF, DRF

IONIA PRISONER PLANNED ESCAPE

An ICF inmate who was just one fence away from freedom said he thought he could escape because gun towers are closed and the PSV makes rounds only once an hour, officers tell MCO.

The Level V inmate attempted to escape Saturday. He had cut a hole in the wire mesh covering his cell window, which opened up to the yard. During yard time, he went to his window and grabbed a laundry bag. He took the bag and hid in a pile of snow.

While hidden, he put on cardboard and trash bags to protect himself from the stun fence. After yard time ended, he dashed for the yard fence. He slipped under the yard fence near the man door and ran for the interior stun fence. The prisoner made it over the stun fence and was in the buffer zone when he was apprehended. He had tripped a zone alarm.

The convict is now at Bellamy Creek.

This inmate tried to escape from another facility in 2011.

ECF INMATE CUT ON FACE

An inmate at the Oaks was stabbed near his eye this week.

The assault happened in the chow hall while Level II inmates were eating. The weapon was recovered. A Taser was used on one of the inmates. No officers were hurt.

THIRD DRF STABBING IN A MONTH

A convict at Carson City was stabbed in the side of the head Wednesday. The assailant hasn't been caught.

This was the third stabbing at DRF in about a month, officers say.

DRUG-FILLED FOOTBALL OUTSIDE LRF

A football stuffed with drugs, a cell phone and tobacco was found near the Brooks perimeter Saturday. It appeared that someone tried to throw the football over the fence and into the inmate garden, but it didn't clear the top of the fence.

NCF INMATES MADE STILL, SPUD JUICE

A recent shakedown in housing unit 4 at Newberry turned up three shanks,

tattoo needles, spud juice and a home-made still.

ARAMARK PROBLEMS CONTINUE

- At Wednesday's Civil Service Commission meeting, a DOC representative said the Aramark switchover has had "no major issues."

An article in the Detroit Free Press this week quoted a former Aramark worker at SLF as saying the job was "chaos." The woman said she received inadequate training, according to the story.

- RGC officers found an unattended tethered knife and a 50-foot long extension cord in a condiment cooler during a chow hall shakedown Wednesday. They also found pieces of metal.

- KCF officers say an Aramark worker handed out knives that were not tethered to the kitchen counters. Fortunately, none of the knives disappeared.

Please note: MCO has heard many rumors of screw-ups related to Aramark service. MCO will only report stories we are able to confirm with reliable sources.

THANKS FOR YOUR SOLIDARITY!

By now, all members should know the CSC has postponed a contract decision until Jan. 15.

Thank you for your solidarity!



Above: MCO members wait for Wednesday's CSC meeting to begin. Right: An MCO member marches with a UAW worker outside the CSC meeting.



REMINDER: EXCHANGE TRANSFER LIST WILL BE CLEARED SOON

The Exchange Transfer List will be cleared out in early January. Many people leave the Department or get a transfer without notifying MCO to remove their name from the list. Clearing the list once a year means the list is more useful and effective.

If your name is on the list now and you do not want it removed, please email anita@mco-seiu.org by Jan. 1.