

OFFICERS AT THREE PRISONS ASSAULTED BY INMATES; MTU PRISONERS PROTEST COVID PROTOCOLS

A Carson City unit was locked down after a serious staff assault and tense inmate gathering.

An inmate in 900 unit (Level II) came to the CO desk the morning of June 4 with several complaints, including the yard schedule and COVID protocols, officers said.

The prisoner punched one officer, then punched another CO who responded. When the prisoner ran down the stairs toward his cell, more than a dozen inmates gathered and refused to disperse. Some of them yelled threats against staff, officers said. One inmate wielded a broomstick. Responding staff arrived quickly and dispersed prisoners that were in the area.

The two assaulted officers and a sergeant were treated at a hospital and released.

A few days later, a CO spotted an inmate from 900 unit on the yard when his unit was supposed to be inside. The officer approached him, and the prisoner tried to take him down. Officers responded. Dozens of inmates came to the scene, but as additional staff showed up, they left. No staff were injured.

Three officers were assaulted in a housing unit at Kinross June 9.

A prisoner became uncooperative and shoved one officer, then punched another officer. As those

two officers were restraining that prisoner, another prisoner entered the area and pulled a third officer down from behind in an attempt to aid the other prisoner. Both prisoners were restrained and placed in segregation.

The three officers sustained minor injuries in the incident and are OK.

A Marquette officer was assaulted by a Level 5 prisoner in a housing unit June 10.

The prisoner was released to attend a callout. He approached the officer station and began throwing punches at the officer at the desk. The prisoner was restrained by responding officers.

The officer was treated for a concussion at the emergency room and released.

Approximately 50 Level 2 prisoners at MTU refused to return to their housing unit June 9 when the yard period ended.

They remained peaceful but voiced their objections to COVID protocol changes and conditions before finally returning to their unit without incident.

These recent staff assaults are a stark reminder of the dangers COs face. Watch your back, watch your partner's back, and stay safe.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR COPS DAY!

COPS Day at the Ionia Free Fair returns Wednesday, July 21!

Corrections officers and other law enforcement officers are welcome to come out and get free snacks, MCO gear, and discounted ride wristbands. The fun starts at 1 p.m. at the hospital center in the Administration Building. The fairgrounds are located at 317 South Dexter Street in Ionia.

See you there!



COVID-19 LEAVE TIME REMINDER

As reported in the [last KYI](#), MCO has asked an arbitrator to restore leave time for members who had to use it for department-mandated quarantines. We filed a final brief last week and are now waiting on a decision.

Although we have arbitrated this case, members should [continue to report to MCO](#) the forced use of leave time or lost time for quarantines.

If you test positive, you are eligible to file for workers' compensation benefits. [This KYI](#) explained how this works. Please contact The Law Offices of Charters, Tyler, Zack & Shearer, P.C. at (248) 321-4474 for assistance in filing for workers' comp.