



AROUND THE STATE: STAFF ASSAULTED BY PRISONERS AT MARQUETTE, MACOMB, AND THUMB

A Marquette prisoner assaulted two staff last week, the latest incidents in a string of attacks against staff at MBP.

On Aug. 2, he cornered a CO in the health care area and grabbed her arm, an officer said. She was able to defend herself, and officers responded.

On Aug. 5, he assaulted another staff member by pulling her arm through cell bars and twisting it.

Last month, a sergeant and an officer were punched July 12 while breaking up a large yard fight. The fight started with five prisoners, but as staff intervened, additional inmates got involved.

A prisoner assaulted an officer July 27 in housing unit 7 (Level IV) at Macomb. The assault spilled over into the lobby area behind the officers' station.

The assaulted officer attempted to secure the prisoner. An officer who witnessed the assault used her institutional hand-held radio to call for assistance. A nearby officer responded to the area to stop the assault and separated the prisoner from the officer, causing all three of them to fall to the floor. The officer who was being assaulted fell backward and hit his head on the floor, resulting in him losing consciousness. An ambulance escorted the officer to the hospital. The prisoner was taken to segregation.

The next day while staff were responding to an incident in the same unit, an inmate began to strike a responding officer in the head and face. An officer in training immediately intervened, placing the prisoner on the floor to stop the assault.

Officers responded and were able to secure the prisoner in restraints. The assaulted officer lost consciousness, and healthcare staff provided medical assistance until an ambulance arrived. The prisoner was taken to segregation.

A nurse at the Thumb is recovering after a prisoner stabbed her in the head with a pen July 28.

The inmate was upset about having to take medication, an officer said.

Prisoners in the waiting room intervened. A few nurses hit their Personal Protective Devices (PPD) and staff responded.

He was transferred to another facility.

These incidents illustrate the dangers corrections staff face everyday. Watch your back, watch your partner's back, and stay safe.

****Wage scales through April 2022 are [on our website now](#).****

Because in 2018 we bargained wages and health care for one year, wage scales for 2020 through 2022 were not printed in the contract book. Please refer to them on our website.



Important reauthorization facts

- You must reauthorize your union dues once a year or they will automatically stop.

- Reauthorizing takes one minute. It's easy to do through the HRMN online portal ([mobile](#) or [desktop](#) version) or by calling 877-766-6447 and asking to reauthorize dues deduction EC01.

- The HRMN online portal is closed for four days starting the Sunday after each payday. Since Thursday, Aug. 19 is payday, that means the portal will be closed Sunday, Aug. 22 through Wednesday, Aug. 25. **Why not reauthorize now before the portal closes again?**

- The Michigan Civil Service Commission decided to require annual reauthorization in a philosophical attack against unions. They have taken several steps in the last few years to silence the voices of state employees.

Read a [Reauthorization Facts flyer here](#) that goes into each of these points in more context, or a [full Q&A here](#). Remember, there's how-to guides and other info at mco-seiu.org/reauthorize.