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Inmates Assault NDCS Staff Members

LINCOLN, Neb. – Wednesday, August 24, 2016, at approximately 6 p.m. one inmate struck a staff member at the Lincoln Correctional Center (LCC). Immediately, other inmates began assaulting other staff members in the area. In total, nine staff members were injured. Six staff members were transported via ambulance to the hospital and three other staff members were taken via state vehicle. All staff members were treated and released Wednesday night.

"Staff safety is a priority for our team. We are doing everything we can to prevent these events. We are thankful the staff members were released from the hospital and able to go home last night," said Director Scott R. Frakes. "This incident cannot be attributed to crowding or staffing levels. Inmates made the choice to harm staff."

LCC was fully staffed at the time of the incident and is currently in a lockdown status. "Violence against NDCS staff members is unacceptable. I am proud of the way staff responded to contain and resolve the situation." Warden Fred Britten said. "The LCC administration has taken immediate steps to address this incident and will continue to monitor the facility and resume normal operations as soon as it is appropriate."

The Nebraska State Patrol responded to the facility and has initiated an investigation. Additional details of the incident are not available at this time due to the ongoing investigation.

Director Frakes added, "My thanks go to the Nebraska State Patrol for their continued partnership and support of NDCS."

Editor's Note: A lockdown is defined as a significant and unusual action taken to restore order and ensure the safety of everyone inside a facility. All inmates are confined to their cells, and are under direct escort any time they are outside of their cells.

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