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### **NDCS staff members assaulted**

**LINCOLN, Neb.** – Two Nebraska Department of Correctional Services staff members at the Nebraska State Penitentiary were assaulted by two inmates Monday, May 30, 2016.

The incident began when two inmates ran toward two staff and began striking them with closed fist punches. Physical force was used to subdue the two inmates. Both staff members were transported to a local medical facility for treatment of non-life-threatening injuries and released in short order.

The safety of our staff is a priority for me and every single person within this agency, Scott Frakes, NDCS director, said. “Safety is the foundation that allows NDCS staff to accomplish our mission. We will continue to seek ways reduce the risk to staff as much as possible through tactics, techniques and procedures that adapt to a dynamic environment,” Frakes said.

The names of the staff members and inmates will not be released and an investigation is underway.

Assault on Nebraska Department of Correctional Services staff will not be tolerated. As always, NDCS will investigate the incident and submit our findings to the local county attorney for prosecution.