



State of Connecticut
Department of Correction



Staff Member Assaulted at the New Haven Correctional Institution

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(New Haven, CT) — After the conclusion of a medical evaluation (at approximately 11:35 AM) an incarcerated individual at the New Haven Correctional Center ran towards and struck a Department of Correction healthcare employee in the back of the head. The healthcare worker fell to the ground as a result of the blow.

Despite the individual continuing his assaultive behavior, responding correctional staff were able to quickly secure and remove him from the area.

The injured healthcare worker was taken via ambulance to a local hospital for treatment. Additionally, two of the responding correctional officers sustained injuries during the incident, and were both taken to an area health clinic for treatment.

“It is deeply upsetting when an employee is subject to violence while carrying out their duties, particularly an employee whose role is to provide care to those in our custody,” said Interim Commissioner Sharonda Carlos. “I am grateful for the compassion, courage, and professionalism our healthcare and correctional staff exemplify, and I will continue to do everything in my power to ensure their safety.”

The Connecticut State Police are investigating the incident.

As this is an active investigation the identity of the incarcerated individual or the Department of Correction staff members are not being released at this time.

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