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The Maryland Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services protects the public, its employees and the detainees and offenders under its supervision.

Inmate Charged With Assaulting Correctional Officer at North Branch

TOWSON, MD (December 10, 2009)--- A 32-year old inmate at North Branch Correctional Institution in Cresaptown has been criminally charged with assaulting a correctional officer, whose injuries required a brief trip to the hospital. Troy White faces charges of second degree assault and assaulting a correctional employee. Conviction on both charges could result in up to an additional 20 years in prison.

The Maryland Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services Internal Investigative Unit (DPSCS IIU) reports that the alleged assault occurred on December 9 during an inmate movement at the maximum-security prison on U.S. 220 south of Cumberland. Inmate White allegedly punched a female correctional officer in the face, knocking her to the floor of a housing unit. He then allegedly continued the assault until being restrained by other correctional officers.

The assaulted officer was treated at the hospital in Cumberland for minor injuries and released within a short period of time.

IIU works with local state's attorneys to vigorously pursue criminal charges against anyone accused of assaulting correctional staff at DPSCS facilities.

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