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DPSCS Statement on Correctional Officer Terminations at Baltimore Central Booking and Intake Center

TOWSON, MD (December 17, 2009) --- Six Correctional Officers assigned to the Baltimore Central Booking and Intake Center (BCBIC) have been terminated after a Division of Pretrial Detention & Services (DPDS) internal investigation determined there were violations of rules and regulations relating to the use of force by the officers during a November 15, 2009 incident which involved a single detainee at BCBIC. Additional administrative charges related to violations of proper incident reporting rules were also filed. The detainee was released from custody the next day after posting bail.

The DPDS investigation into the incident began on November 16, 2009 once it had come to the attention of BCBIC administration. Under Maryland state employee personnel laws, the terminated officers will have the right to appeal. In addition to those terminated, one additional officer and one supervisor were disciplined because of actions related to the incident. Years of service of the terminated officers range from one to 11 years.

Because of state personnel rules the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services will not name the officers or discuss any additional details about the incident.

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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.