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Prison In Lockdown After Reported Assault On Officer



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SOMERS - Northern Correctional Institution will be in lockdown until Wednesday morning after authorities said an inmate assaulted a correction officer with a makeshift knife this afternoon.

The inmate is not being identified.

The officer was taken to an area hospital with a wound to his neck, said Department of Correction spokesman Brian Garnett. He received stitches and was released.

State police are investigating the incident.

Garnett said the inmate was being taken out of his cell for a shower late this afternoon when he slashed the officer in the neck.

The inmate has a history of assaulting correctional staff and other inmates, said Kevin Brace, chairman of the Correctional Staff Health and Safety Subcommittee of the Criminal Justice Policy Advisory Commission.

"These types of attacks are horrendous and this is something that our subcommittee is going to look at," he said.

The subcommittee seeks to improve correctional staff safety, he said.

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