



PRESS RELEASE

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At approximately 6:00 PM on October 3, 2007, four Corrections Officers at the Cumberland County Jail sustained minor injuries while trying to move a combative inmate into a cell.

Madison Martin, 23 years of age from Portland, an inmate at the Cumberland County Jail was taken to the jail's medical department and determined to be under the influence of an unknown substance. When released by the medical staff, the inmate was taken to a cell in the maximum security unit of the jail and while doing so became combative. Two corrections officers began to wrestle with the inmate outside of the cell, while a third corrections officer used O/C spray a form of mace made from cayenne peppers, in order to gain control of the inmate. Eventually, the corrections officers were able to gain control of Mr. Martin and get him into a cell.

As a result of the altercation, Corrections Officer Chad Eastman was treated for some minor shoulder pain, Corrections Officer Douglas Kane sustained a thumb injury, Corrections Officer David Skibitsky received a bump on the head and Corrections Officer Shawn Morrissette was kicked in the leg and struck his head. All were treated and released from the Maine Medical Center.

Inmate Martin who was incarcerated for a robbery charge, received some minor bruises and was treated by medical staff at the jail.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact Chief Deputy Kevin Joyce at 774-1444, extension 2115.