

6 INJURED IN HURON VALLEY PRISON TAKEOVER

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YPSILANTI -- Inmates of the **Huron Valley** Men's Facility took over a housing unit at the **prison** Friday and started at least two small fires before guards and state police recaptured the unit more than two hours later.

Two guards were **injured in** the incident, one day after three other **prison** employes had been stabbed at **Huron Valley** , Michigan's newest **prison** .

Four inmates were **injured in** Friday's disturbance, officials said. None was admitted to a hospital.

State corrections officials said they could cite no reason for the uprising **in** a unit housing some of Michigan's most troublesome prisoners. **Prison** Superintendent William Grant speculated that the incident had been planned, but added, "I'm not sure what sparked it."

He and other officials said they felt only a handful of inmates had instigated the incident.

Cal Goddard, spokesman for the Michigan Department of Corrections, said, "The nature of this unit makes it very volatile to trouble. There are some bad apples **in** there.

THE **TAKEOVER** occurred **in** Housing Unit 1, which holds 75 inmates whose behavior requires that they be segregated from other prisoners, according to **prison** spokeswoman Luella Burke. Shortly after 1 p.m., she said, one guard was stabbed with a homemade knife and another was punched **in** the nose. Both guards left the **prison** unassisted.

Bobby Bugaski, 27, of Detroit, was released after treatment for a broken nose at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital **in** Ann Arbor. Phil Sullins, 35, of Adrian, was stabbed **in** the back and was listed **in** good condition Friday evening at the hospital. He also suffered a leg injury.

Both guards have been with the state Corrections Department for less than a year.

THE TWO guards were attacked while alone guarding eight of the unit's inmates **in** a recreation room. **Prison** officials said the recreation room is the only area where inmates **in** segregation are routinely allowed to congregate.

The prisoners attacked the two guards and used their keys to let other inmates out of their cells, Grant said.

Bugaski, Sullins and other guards ran out of the unit, which was then sealed off.

In the next two hours, prisoners started at least two small fires, one of which gutted a counseling office. More than a dozen windows were broken **in** the two-story, red brick housing unit, and the building's computer system was damaged, officials said.

AT ONE POINT, several prisoners tried to rush the doors of the housing unit **in** an escape attempt, but warning shots from guards and state police surrounding the unit discouraged them, Grant said.

The prisoners took no hostages and were believed to have had no guns, officials said.

Shortly after 3 p.m., **prison** officials on bullhorns made several requests for the inmates to surrender. Gradually, all but about nine gave up and were herded into a fenced yard guarded by state police.

At 3:20 p.m., armed guards and state police entered the housing unit and met with no resistance from the remaining prisoners. No shots were fired, and no injuries were reported **in** retaking the unit.

"I don't think more than a dozen prisoners were actually involved **in** the incident," Grant said afterward. "But we may never know for sure."

Fifteen Unit 1 inmates who were not **in** the unit during the incident were taken to the Washtenaw County Jail overnight, officials said.

WHILE UNIT 1 was being taken over, Washtenaw County Circuit Judge Henry Conlin was holding court **in** the **prison** visitors' area on cases stemming from incidents last October. Superintendent Grant was on the stand.

"People were running into the arsenal next door and getting helmets and riot gear," attorney Judy Wood said, "and someone came and whispered to the warden.

"He left."

She said Conlin had wanted the cases, involving inmate attacks on guards, held **in** the **prison** rather than **in** his Ann Arbor courtroom.

When the disturbance started, those attending court were electronically locked **in** the room for 15 minutes, nervously waiting until a guard told them to "pack up everything." The rest of the trial will be held **in** Ann Arbor, Wood said.

At 6 p.m. Friday, newsmen were given a tour of the damaged **prison** unit. Water and broken glass covered the floors, and workmen were repairing broken windows. Grant said all but two of the unit's 84 cells were usable.

FRIDAY'S **TAKEOVER** followed by a day two separate incidents which resulted **in** injuries to three **prison** officials. At 3 p.m. Thursday, two guards were stabbed with a knife fashioned from a metal shoe shank while trying to subdue a prisoner who had resisted being moved to a detention cell. Guards Dennis Royzer and Terry Patton both suffered hand and shoulder injuries, and Royzer was slashed on the back of the head. They were stitched up at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital.

Prison counselor Chris Daniels was stabbed shortly after 5 p.m. Thursday, when a prisoner got out of his cell and sneaked up behind Daniels **in** a **prison** corridor, Burke said. Daniels was treated for a neck wound and released from St. Joseph.

Goddard said the incidents Thursday and Friday occurred **in** the same unit at the 265-prisoner **prison**. "There's a connection between all of them, obviously, but, to what extent, we cannot say at this time," he said. "Probably this is one of those things that festers."

HURON VALLEY, which opened last Sept. 1, is 45 miles west of Detroit. It cost \$20 million to build and can house 411 inmates. It has a staff of 237.

Earlier this month, convicted Detroit murderer Quincy Robinson was found slain **in** his cell at the **prison**. Robinson was rumored to have been a **prison** informant.

Huron Valley is 45 miles east of Jackson's State **Prison** of Southern Michigan, which was torn by two riots last May.

Most of **Huron Valley**'s Unit 1 inmates were returned to their cells Friday night, officials said. Meanwhile, officials at Jackson **Prison**, Riverside Correctional Facility, Marquette **Prison** and the Michigan Reformatory canceled nighttime activities and kept inmates **in** their cells, officials said. They said some extra staff members would be sent to those **prisons** this morning.

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