

California Correctional Supervisors Organization, Inc.

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August 19, 2005 Weekly Update

Calipatria Riot:

A series of riots at Calipatria took place, around 3:00 p.m., Thursday, August 18th. CCSO Chapter President Sgt. Borem and the Lieutenant on duty CCSO member Lt. Dave Gonzales reported that an officer spotted an inmate who appeared to have a weapon. The officer patted the inmate down, and found a knife. When the officer brought the inmate down, Hispanic inmates attacked the officer. Lt. Gonzales reported that there were four separate incidents at the same time. Approximately 20 officers were injured, including Lt. Dave Gonzales but all have been released from the hospital. Injuries to the officers were, fortunately, not major except for two officers who suffered head wounds. One inmate died, from a shot to the abdomen and a second inmate was taken by helicopter to a hospital with a serious head wound when he was shot in the head. Five inmates were taken to outside hospitals, six inmates were taken to the prison infirmary and a total of 25 inmates were treated at the prison, spokesperson from the prison stated.

CCSO Chief Operations & Financial Officer Le Sage spoke with Lt. Gonzales, at his home, and he is doing fine – just bruised and sore. He had a trashcan hit his head in the riot. Lt. Gonzales stated he was proud of the officers that acted quickly and quelled the riot.

CCSO sends their sympathies to the officers who were injured, and applaud the action of the tower officer who fired his rifle, thus, saving the lives of officers.

Stop Accepting New Wards at CHAD:

Friday, August 12th the Chief Deputy Secretary of Juvenile Justice Bernie Warner ordered an immediate stop to accepting new wards at Chaderjian Youth Correctional Facility. His directive to staff was to take 45 days to inform him what can be done to improve the conditions at Chaderjian. When Mr. Warner was questioned about the closure of Chaderjian, he responded that that might be one possibility to correcting the situation at Chaderjian. He is looking, however, at all alternatives.

Plot to Attack Military and Jewish Targets Uncovered:

Authorities uncovered a plot to attack military and Jewish targets in the Los Angeles area. The attack was planned for September 11th. The FBI said the birth of the plan began with New Folsom State Prison inmate Lear Washington, who is a member of a militant Black Muslim group and Al-Queda convert. Investigations stated the Islamic group called Jamiyyat VI Islam Is Saheeh or JIS has had a presence at New Folsom for five years. Members of this group include inmates and former inmates. The FBI have also placed inmate Peter Martinez who goes by the name of Sheik Sudani, in solitary confinement. Sudani is said to be the leader behind the alleged terror cell.

Touring Facilities:

State President Tatum and Administrative Field Services Representative Canutt visited members at MCSP last Wednesday. MCSP Chapter President, Lieutenant Palubicki, assisted them on the tour and introduced them to members. Wednesday, August 17th, President Tatum and Field Representative Braden visited DVI, and on Friday, August 19th, President Tatum and Field Representative Canutt visited and toured CTF and SVSP. CCSO thanks the Chapter Presidents who have taken their time to welcome and introduce CCSO members to President Tatum and CCSO Administrative Field Services Representatives Braden and Canutt.

CPOST Changes Name and Structure:

CPOST has been changed to the Correctional Standards Agency (CSA). There are no labor organizations on the Board; however, CCSO has requested a meeting to go over the role of CSA.

Donation to Time Release Bank:

CCSO State Board and staff are grateful to the members who have donated to our supervisory time-release bank. A special thank you to WASCO Chapter President Bruce Carter, CTF Soledad Board Secretary Kirk Hoffman, NKSP Chapter President Mark Skaggs and CCSO State Board Vice President Richard Ortiz who have generously donated substantial hours to the time bank. Their loyalty to CCSO is appreciated.

High Risk Sex Offenders to be issued Electronic Bracelets:

CDCR Rod Hickman announced this week that “70 high risk sex offender parolees will be issued electronic bracelets to make it easier for San Diego law enforcement agencies to track their whereabouts.” The new GPS bracelets can map the locations of a specific parolee and interfaces with local law enforcement.

Appointment of Director of the Division of Law Enforcement:

Attorney General Bill Lockyer appointed Richard Oules as Director of the Division of Law Enforcement. As the Director Mr. Oules serves as the primary representative to law enforcement agencies throughout California. Richard Oules’ appointment became effective immediately. He is replacing Pat Lunney who is retiring.

Thought for the Week:

“The greatest mistake you can make in life is to be continually fearing you will make one.” Elbert Hubbard

Welcome New Members:

The CCSO State Board and staff welcome the new members who have joined CCSO this week. CCSO’s main office mailed out 116 welcome packets this week. CCSO is delighted and prepared to represent these new members with the same high quality caliber representation that is provided to all CCSO members. United CCSO will continue enhancing the workplace and enriching wages and benefits for all correctional supervisors.