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UPDATE

HOSTAGE SITUATION AT THE HOWARD R. YOUNG CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION

Department of Correction negotiators continue work to resolve an inmate on inmate hostage situation at the Howard R. Young Correctional Institution (Gander Hill) in Wilmington that began earlier today.

Shortly before noon on Wednesday May 14, 2008, a single inmate housed in the West-Wing of the prison took a fellow inmate hostage. The names of the offenders involved are being withheld at this time for security reasons. The offenders involved are not cellmates but reside in the same pod. Specifics of the hostage taker's demands are not currently available and there is no information on what led to the action by the offender. No staff or other inmates are in danger. Offenders in the area where the incident is occurring have been relocated and all areas of the prison have been locked-down.

The hostage taker is serving a sentence for robbery, assault and possession of a deadly weapon during the commission of a felony. The hostage is also a sentenced offender.

The Department of Correction Correctional Emergency Response Team CERT is in place as is standard procedure.