

## **2 men charged in alleged prison break attempt from Wilkinson Road Jail**

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Charges have been laid after two men allegedly attempted a prison break at Wilkinson Road Jail last month.

Dean Purdy with BCGEU corrections services says a hole was found in the ceiling of their cell, that was the size of a person. Purdy says the men managed to access the space above, however that area is secure, and the men were discovered by staff.

Purdy says the jail was built to house 206 inmates in 1985, and houses on average 350 now, and has been in excess of 400 inmates. Speaking to CFX 1070's Adam Stirling, Purdy says staff are put to the test day in and day out.

"The living unit where the escape took place was originally meant to house 20 inmates, but had in excess of 30 inmates in that unit and some sleeping on the floor. One correctional officer is assigned to supervise that living unit by themselves, but because of the overcrowded situation, you know, it's a matter of time, it isn't a matter of if, it's a matter of only time when someone will try and escape"

2 men, both 21 years old, face a single count of making a breach in a prison cell.