

Correctional officer allegedly assaulted by inmate at Wilkinson Road Jail

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There has been an alleged assault on a correctional officer by an inmate at the Victoria Regional Correctional Centre.

BCGEU Corrections spokesperson Dean Purdy says the incident happened Thursday morning

"a correctional supervisor was viciously assaulted at the Wilkinson Road Jail. He suffered a concussion after being punched and kicked several times, and this is the 5th assault on correctional officers in the last month, and we are getting outraged that nothing has been done up to this point"

Purdy says staff are on edge right now having to deal with increased numbers of inmates

"we would like to see some provisions brought in, probably to look at the staffing levels inside the jail. Right now a staff member can work with up to 40 inmates at the Wilkinson Road Jail by themselves"

A spokesperson from the Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General says both BC Corrections and police are investigating this incident. They say any incident of violence in their centres is taken very seriously.