

FRCC inmate charged with murder attempt
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An inmate at a Maple Ridge prison has been charged with attempted murder following an assault on another inmate in May.

Alexander Tanasescu, 27, remains in custody on the charge while the 36-year-old man he is charged with attacking at Fraser Regional Correctional Centre on May 19 remains in hospital.

Ridge Meadows RCMP confirmed the man is in a vegetative state.

Supt. Dave Walsh said the assault happened in a common area of the prison.

"The victim is severely brain damaged and unable to care for himself," he added.

Tanasescu was serving a sentence for break-and-enter. The offence took place in Kelowna.

B.C. Corrections has completed its own internal investigation into the assault at the 256th Street prison.

Spokesperson Marnie Mayhew won't say what prompted the violent attack.

"Our own internal review found that staff responded properly and appropriately in accordance with established policy and procedures," said Mayhew.

"We absolutely believe that our centres are safe, but given the mix of individual that we have in our custody, you can never completely eliminate risk. "

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