

Investigation underway into KRCC assault

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An investigation is underway into a beating and possible sexual assault in the showers at the Kamloops Regional Correctional Centre, a union official said Thursday.

Dean Purdy, chairman of the corrections and sheriffs services branch of the BCGEU, said three to four inmates are alleged to have attacked another inmate a couple of weeks ago.

The incident could be sexual in nature, said Purdy, who blamed overcrowding at the facility for a growing number of violent incidents. The facility was built for 168 inmates but as many as 350 are housed at any one time.

"The inmate-on-inmate violence continues to rise, as does the inmate-on-staff violence," he said.

An official with B.C. Corrections could not be reached for comment.