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FELONY CHARGES ISSUED ON TWO INMATES FOR INJURING JAILORS

Milwaukee, WI – Two inmates have been formally charged with Battery by Prisoner for incidents that took place in the downtown jail, County Correctional Facility-Central, late last week. If convicted of the Class H Felony criminal charges, both inmates face up to six years in prison.

Sam Edward Jones, 47, of Milwaukee, struck a 45-year old male corrections officer on Thursday, causing a concussion, fractured sinus and facial lacerations. Jennifer M. Principe, 33, of Kenosha, punched a female officer in the face on Friday night.

Sheriff David A. Clarke Jr. ordered his training bureau to design a protocol, policy and training that would expand the current deployment of tasers in the jail as an additional mean for corrections officers to defend themselves. Currently, supervisors are equipped with tasers.

"I'm through having some idiot physically assault one of my jail officers with impunity," Clarke said, adding that he is not confident that the judiciary in Milwaukee County will send these criminals to prison for a substantial period of time. "People who assault officers correctly assess that they will not be severely punished by the courts based on past sentencing in these types of cases. The thought of being juiced after such an attack in order to defend ourselves will make some goof think twice about laying a hand on us, and if they feel it's worth it, then that's ok with me. I have been tased as part of my taser certification - it's not fun; I know. Don't let anybody kid you," Clarke said.

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