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Correctional Officers Attacked by Inmate



Milwaukee, WI – Just after 7:00 a.m. today, an inmate crossed over the red line into the correctional officer's station area, which is off-limits to inmates, and refused to comply with orders to return to his cell.

Inmate Leopoldo Santos-Fernandez, age 43, ignored several orders from correctional officers, and attempted to hit one of the officers. The CO deployed his taser, but the probes did not stick. Santos-Fernandez then attempted to choke one of the officers, and another CO used his taser to stun the inmate, who continued to be combative as more officers arrived. After he was secured in handcuffs, Santos-Fernandez intentionally struck his head against a wall, and was taken to the hospital to be medically cleared and released back to the jail.

One officer was treated for a potentially torn tendon in his arm and could not return to work. Another officer received scratches to his face, and a third suffered an injury to his forearm, but they both returned to duty.

Santos-Fernandez has been in custody since May 2013 on a charge of 1st Degree Intentional Homicide. He now faces two additional charges of Battery to Law Enforcement Officers.

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