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Utah Department of Corrections Transfers Inmates from Daggett County Jail During Investigation

DRAPER, Utah - The Utah Department of Corrections (UDC) on Friday temporarily moved 80 state inmates from the Daggett County Jail to Utah State Prison in Draper while it investigates allegations of misconduct by jail employees.

Upon learning of the claims of inappropriate behavior involving Daggett County employees, the UDC took immediate action to ensure the environment was safe for the state inmates who were housed at the jail. On Feb. 3, UDC officials inspected the jail, interviewed current inmates and directed the immediate transfer of three inmates out of the jail for their safety.

“The Utah Department of Corrections places the safety of the inmates in our custody as a top priority,” said Executive Director Rollin Cook. “We take these allegations seriously, and it is in the best interests of our staff and inmates to move them out of Daggett County so a thorough investigation can be conducted.”

UDC contracts with 21 county jails across Utah to house about 1,600 inmates. A recent decline in inmate population has freed up space at Utah State Prison and Central Utah Correctional Facility to accommodate the inmates who were transferred from the jail.

“Through close monitoring of our jail contracts, we have confidence these allegations are isolated to one county,” said Cook. “We will continue to work with the Sheriff toward a resolution and appreciate his cooperation from the beginning of this issue.”

Interviews with staff and inmates have continued since the initial jail review. UDC is coordinating with county officials, Police Officer Standards and Training, the Attorney General’s Office and the Federal Bureau of Investigation on this matter. A final decision on the future placement of inmates in Daggett County will be made once the situation is resolved.

Family members who have questions about their loved ones who were housed at the jail may contact the Public Information Officer at 801-545-5536.

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