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Utah Department of Corrections' Statement on Daggett County Jail Personnel Actions

Utah Department of Corrections Executive Director Rollin Cook issued the following statement Friday in response to administrative and personnel actions taken by the Daggett County Sheriff's Office.

"The Department of Corrections appreciates the ongoing cooperation from the Daggett County Commissioners and County Attorney's Office as the investigation into misconduct and mismanagement at the county jail continues.

"We recognize the significant financial impact the removal of state inmates has to the county and its citizens and we are committed to working with the county leadership to come to a resolution.

"This case involves multiple, distressing allegations among line staff and command staff in the Daggett County Jail. These are serious, criminal allegations, involving unprofessional conduct and unacceptable correctional practices, which put the inmates and the public in jeopardy.

"Because of the gravity of the allegations and the possible involvement at many levels of the Daggett County Sheriff's Office, the case deserves a thorough and careful review, which will take time.

"Current Sheriff's Office command staff continue to be subjects of the investigation and we remain apprehensive about returning inmates to the jail under its current culture. State inmates will not be returned to the jail at this time. Future administrative actions will factor in our decision making for potential inmate placement."

The Department will not release any additional details about the nature of the alleged crimes, or its decision whether to place inmates in Daggett County until the case is complete.

The Department turned its completed investigation to the Attorney General's office, where the case is under review. The timing of the case's completion and its release is determined by the Attorney General's office. The Federal Bureau of Investigation and Peace Officer Standards and Training will also receive the completed investigation.

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