

Prison guards injured in alleged escape attempt at Miramichi Regional Hospital

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Two correctional officers with the Correctional Service of Canada were stabbed in the early morning hours of July 15 by an inmate during a visit to the Miramichi Regional Hospital.

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Two correctional officers from the region's maximum security facility were injured during an alleged escape attempt by an inmate which occurred at the Miramichi Regional Hospital.

Sgt. Dana Hicks, of the Miramichi Police Force, said in a news release that an inmate from the Atlantic Institution in Renous stabbed a correctional officer in what police believe was an attempt to escape just before 2 a.m. on Sunday July 15.

Police said two correctional officers were taking an inmate from a transport vehicle at the hospital when the inmate, armed with what was described as an edged weapon, attacked the guards.

One of the officers was stabbed twice and with help from the hospital's security staff, the inmate was restrained until members of the Miramichi Police Force arrived at about 1:52 a.m. It was not immediately clear what injuries were sustained by the second correctional officer. Both were treated at the hospital, and both are in stable condition. One was released, while the other remains for observation.

The inmate was then returned to the institution, which is located about 40 kilometres west of Miramichi in Renous.

The Miramichi Leader has left a voicemail and email requesting an interview and more information from the assistant warden for management services for the Correctional Service of Canada Atlantic Institution.

Hicks said the Miramichi Police Force is continuing their investigation.

The institution is designed to handle a capacity of 235 inmates.

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