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Inmate Fight at Carlin Camp

The Nevada Department of Corrections reports that November 27th, 2016 at approximately 9:15 PM, a fight broke out between inmates at the Carlin Conservation Camp located on Suzie Creek Road just east of Carlin, Nevada. Staff deployed chemical agents to quell the disturbance which had grown to an estimated 40 inmates, but the fight continued. Staff called for assistance. Nevada Highway Patrol, Carlin Police Department and Elko County Sheriff Office SWAT responded to the scene and the fight ended quickly.

Two inmates, Sergei Potoyan, 39, #1159970 and Oscar Barreras, 31, #1150545 were transported to Northeastern Nevada Regional Hospital where they were treated and released. The two are being moved to Lovelock Correctional Center. Approximately 20 other inmates who were found to have involvement in the disturbance are being transported to higher security facilities.

The Nevada Department of Corrections Inspector General's Office has responded to the Conservation Camp to head the investigation. No staff members were injured during this incident and no damage to the camp facility was reported.

"We don't take any disturbance lightly," stated NDOC Director James Dzurenda. "My staff handled this incident very well. For the inmates, it's a privilege to be at a conservation camp where they are not housed in cells and they train to work as teams. From them we expect much better behavior."

Conservation Camps house minimum security inmates who are trained by the Nevada Division of Forestry to fight wildland fires. During the off season, inmates support the community by assisting with snow removal, weed abatement or other seasonal jobs as needed.



Oscar Barreras



Sergei Potoyan