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Hostage situation quickly resolved at ASPC-Douglas

Douglas, Ariz.- On January 23, 2012, at approximately 9:50 a.m., inmate Davis, #165060, entered the Mohave Unit Programs Building to speak with his assigned CO III. The inmate immediately grabbed the CO III and placed an object – which the inmate claimed to be a knife – on the back of her neck. The inmate stated he was doing a life sentence, his mother was dying with cancer and he had nothing to lose.

The CO III picked up her radio at that time to call for assistance. The inmate told her to call whoever was in charge and to get the SWAT team down there. Douglas staff immediately responded to the emergency situation. They cleared the area of non-critical staff and staged a Rapid Response Team, armed with chemical agents and tasers.

The Unit Deputy Warden entered into the unlocked office to begin talking with the inmate. The inmate told the DW that he did not intend to hurt the CO III and wanted the SWAT team to just kill him. The Deputy Warden continued to engage the inmate in conversation for approximately 15 more minutes, at which point the inmate released the CO III and submitted to restraints with no force used. The weapon turned out to be a pen.

At approximately 10:20 a.m., the CO III was secured by Douglas staff and transported by ambulance to a local hospital for evaluation, for precautionary reasons. She has since been released from the hospital and is with her family.

The inmate is serving a life sentence for 1st Degree Murder, with a consecutive sentence for Armed Robbery, out of Maricopa County. He has been incarcerated for his current commitment since 8/23/04, and has a prior commitment for Burglary. He was appropriately classified to medium custody.

The inmate has been placed into detention on a continuous watch, and is awaiting psychological assessment; this appears to have been a “suicide-by-cop” attempt. The criminal investigation is ongoing.

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