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Press Release

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Re: Southern New Mexico Correctional Facility Correctional Officer Arrested

Southern New Mexico Correctional Facility Corrections Officer Brandon Black was issued a criminal citation charging him with misdemeanor battery by the Las Cruces Police Department today. Accordingly, Officer Black will be placed on administrative leave and an internal investigation of the alleged criminal violation will be conducted by the New Mexico Corrections Department's Office of Professional Standards (OPS).

A determination of the appropriate corrective action will be based in the investigative findings of the OPS. Based on the nature of both the allegations and his employment status as a corrections officer, Officer Black could face disciplinary action ranging from basic corrective measures to termination of his service to the State of New Mexico.

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