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Press Release

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Re: CNMCF Correctional Officer Arrested

Central New Mexico Correctional Facility Correctional Officer Matthew Garcia was arrested twice this past weekend.

Garcia was first arrested by Los Lunas Police on (8/17/2012) at approximately 2:24 pm for assault on a Household Member and Criminal Damage to Property. He was booked into the Valencia County Detention Center and later released.

Garcia was arrested a second time and booked into MDC on (8/19/2012) at approximately 11:59 pm by Albuquerque Police officers for DWI, Reckless Driving, Open Container, Surrender License and Registration. He also had a warrant for his arrest for an unpaid speeding ticket.

Garcia is currently out of jail. He was hired by the New Mexico Corrections Department on (3/13/2004).

Garcia is on administrative leave. The NMCD's Office of Professional Standards is investigating the matter.

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