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STATEMENT REGARDING RECENT SETTLEMENT

The events at issue occurred in September 2006. As soon as the inmates reported the assaults, Department of Corrections' staff at the facility took immediate and appropriate action. The inmates were placed in protective custody and were provided medical treatment. DOC also alerted the Alaska State Troopers, who investigated the matter thoroughly, resulting in the criminal prosecution and conviction of those responsible.

Independent of these events, the Department of Corrections obtained additional funding for the installation of monitoring cameras at this facility. The Department of Corrections remains committed to its mission of providing overall leadership to support the incarceration and supervision of offenders that are committed to the custody of the department.

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