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ALASKA INMATES AT RED ROCK CORRECTIONAL CENTER RETURNED TO CELLS AFTER DISTURBANCE

JUNEAU – Alaska inmates at Red Rock Correctional Center in Eloy, Arizona have been placed in lock down status following a disturbance in the prison's recreation yard earlier today. At 1:50 p.m. (2:50 p.m. Arizona time) the Department of Corrections was informed that a small group of inmates were refusing to return to their cells. An institutional response team was deployed. Inmates were ordered to lie on the ground. This order was complied with and inmates were returned to their cells five at a time. All inmates were in their cells by 5 p.m. Arizona time. The incident was resolved without injury. Between 220-225 Alaska inmates were in the yard at the time of the incident.

Inmates are receiving meals in their cells and are being interviewed. The lockdown is expected to last through tonight.

As of September 21, there are 858 Alaska inmates housed at the private prison. A Department of Corrections official was present during the incident.

A press availability will be at 4:45 pm today. Members of the media should call 800 315 6338 and enter code 2020.

