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Major Maryland Prison Disturbance Results In Four Seriously Injured Inmates

Cumberland - A major disturbance occurred at the Western Correctional Institution (WCI) near Cumberland, Maryland at approximately 11:30PM on Wednesday, July, 20, 2016.

Four inmates are reported to have been seriously injured and taken from the facility to receive emergency medical treatment. No officers are reported injured at this time.

Between 25 and 40 inmates are alleged to have been involved in the major disturbance. Two housing units at WCI were placed on lock down (inmates locked in cells for security reasons). Nearly 30 officers were scrambled from neighboring North Branch Correctional Institution (NBCI) to help restore order at WCI.

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