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DOC staff prevent two inmates from escaping

Two minimum-custody Oregon Department of Corrections (DOC) inmates attempted to escape Monday morning from the DOC Central Distribution Center (CDC) in Salem where they were assigned to work. Correctional staff were able to prevent the inmates from escaping.

The CDC houses DOC's main warehouse for food and supplies, its commissary operations, as well as several staff offices. The two minimum-custody inmates – Christina Davidson, 47, and Nichole Whitaker, 31 – were working in the commissary when they took off on foot at approximately 8:30 a.m. Several DOC staff members chased the inmates down and held them until law enforcement arrived. The two inmates are being transported back to Coffee Creek Correctional Facility.

Inmate Davidson entered DOC custody on April 15, 2014, on five counts of identity theft and one count of burglary in the second degree out of Yamhill County, and one count of burglary in the first degree and one count of mistreatment in the first degree out of Marion County. Her earliest release date is April 7, 2019.

Inmate Whitaker entered DOC custody on April 2, 2015, on one count of failure to appear in the first degree and one count of heroin delivery out of Marion County. Her earliest release date is January 27, 2017.

At this time, DOC is investigating and no other details are available.



Christina Kay Davidson



Nichole Diane Whitaker

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