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Warning shot fired at Eastern Oregon Correctional Institution

At approximately 9:45 a.m., Friday, April 4, three inmates engaged in a fight on a recreation yard at Eastern Oregon Correctional Institution (EOCI). The inmates refused verbal directives to stop fighting, at which time staff administered pepper spray. The inmates continued fighting and a warning shot was fired into a designated safe area. Upon the warning shot, the inmates stopped fighting.

A portion of the institution remains on partial/modified lockdown, but regular visiting will occur as scheduled.

EOCI is a medium security prison located in Pendleton that houses approximately 1,600 men in custody. It provides a range of correctional services and programs, including education, treatment, mental health, and work opportunities. The buildings that make up EOCI were constructed in 1912 and 1913 and were originally used as a state mental hospital. After two years of renovation, EOCI received its first inmates in June 1985.

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