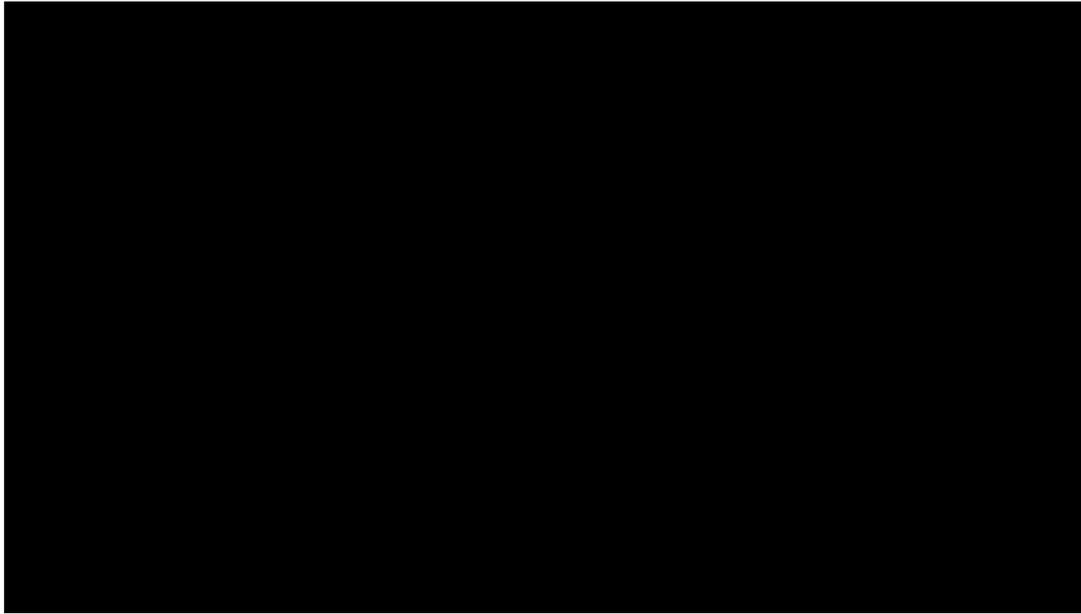


# Atmore inmates riot; two officials stabbed



**Andrew J. Yawn**, Montgomery Advertiser 6:48 a.m. CDT March 13, 2016



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Holman Correction Facility in Atmore, Alabama, was put on lockdown Saturday after inmates tried to take control of one of the dormitories, according to Alabama Department of Corrections spokesman Bob Horton.

Of the more than 800 inmates being held in the prison, about 100 participated in the riot which culminated in the stabbings of Warden Carter Davenport and a second officer. Both injuries were deemed non-life threatening.

According to Horton, the first assault occurred at 9:15 p.m. Friday. A fight between inmates was reported in a prison dormitory. The officer was stabbed when he tried to "detain one of the inmates involved in the fight."

Davenport was stabbed when he and others accessed the dorm. The inmates then moved from the dorm into a hallway where they started a fire. Video of this was captured by one unidentified male inmate and shared to social media. Three Correctional Emergency Response Teams were deployed to the dorm, and the teams detained the inmates and secured the area.

The officer who was stabbed was taken off-site for treatment. Davenport was treated on-site, Horton said.

The ADOC is investigating the incident. All inmates involved have been segregated and face criminal charges. The prison will remain locked down until the investigation concludes.

News of the riot was first reported on social media just after midnight Saturday. Facebook user Zannice Houston, whose son she said is in Holman Correctional Facility, posted "Please Pray For My Son In Holman Prison a riot lord Jesus," (sic) on her page.

The video of the inmates' flood into the hallway where the fire started had almost 5,000 shares by noon Saturday.



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When asked about the incidents, an unnamed worker at Holman Correctional Facility responded that she "can't say anything."

Escambia County Sheriff's Office have not responded to requests for more information on the incident. Atmore Police Department declined to comment.

ECSCO, Atmore police, the ADOC CERT teams and Alabama Law Enforcement Agency were all involved in securing the facility.

After the prison was under control, Governor Robert Bentley took to Twitter to voice his concerns for the "issues that plague our prison system." He also said he had a plan to fix them.



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The situation at [#Holman](#) is under control, but is another reminder that we must address the issues that plague our prison system.

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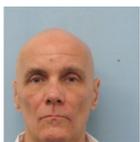
I'm thankful that there are no major injuries from the #Holman riot. Our DOC team did a good job getting the prison under control.

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Holman Correctional Facility is the only prison in Alabama that carries out executions, according to the Department of Corrections.

The prison has 1031 beds including 630 "population beds" and 194 for death row inmates. The last reported population of Holman Correctional was 830, according to the AP.



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**Inmates tried to take control of one of the dormitories at Holman Correctional Facility in Atmore,**

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