



# NEW MEXICO CORRECTIONS DEPARTMENT

MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM, GOVERNOR

Alisha Tafoya Lucero, Cabinet Secretary

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

**Contact:** Eric Harrison  
Public Information Officer, Corrections Department  
[Eric.harrison@state.nm.us](mailto:Eric.harrison@state.nm.us)  
505-827-8675

March 23, 2020

## Northwest New Mexico Correctional Center disturbance

On the morning of Friday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> 2020 a disturbance occurred at the Northwest New Mexico Correctional Center, a pre release adult male institution in Grants, New Mexico. There were 22 inmates identified as active participants between 2 adjacent pods, housing a total of 97 minimum restrict/level II inmates. The participants covered cameras and caused minor damage to a fire door and broke some pod windows. Emergency teams were activated and responded with less than lethal munitions, at which time the inmates complied with officer's orders.

Additional assistance came from local law enforcement including Grants Police Department, Cibola County Sheriffs Office, New Mexico State Police, Core Civic neighboring facilities, and park rangers from the local US Forest Service office.

The quick response from everyone involved contributed to a swift resolution. Three inmates were taken offsite for medical evaluation as a precautionary measure and were returned to the facility that same day. Staff at the Northwest New Mexico Correctional Center were able to restore order and return to normal operations that evening.

###