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Hostage Situation – James T. Vaughn Correctional Center

The Department of Correction Response Teams and the Delaware State Police continue to respond to a hostage situation at James T. Vaughn Correctional Center in Smyrna.

At approximately 12:30 a.m., 14 additional inmates were released from Building C and are being held securely elsewhere in the facility.

At 10:32 a.m. on Wednesday, February 2, four members of Department of Correction staff were taken hostage in Building C at JTVCC. A total of 46 inmates and two Correctional Officers have been released.

Currently 82 inmates remain in Building C. The DOC will release additional information as it is appropriate.