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Just a little info concerning a major assault at USP Hazelton.

Yesterday a female staff member was attempted to be lured into a confined area (dishroom). She was uncomfortable with the situation and decided to walk away from the area after having a verbal exchange with the inmate. As the staff member walked away, the inmate assaulted her repeatedly in an effort to drag her inside. Responding staff restrain the inmate after a long battle. There were 5 other injured staff as a result. 3 of which were treated at an outside hospital.

After preliminary review of the area they located a shank in the area of the dishroom the inmate was attempting to lure the staff member to. Specifically, the staff member was a safety specialist and the inmate was claiming there was a safety violation with the drainage system in an attempt to convince her to enter the room. The shank was located next to the drain area where he was trying to get her to report.

The reason I am relaying you this information is to make you all aware of your gut feelings. If the situation doesn't appear right, it probably isn't. Thankfully, the staff didn't enter the room with the inmate or I may be relaying a different situation. Please use caution when dealing with these thugs. Never put yourself in a position to be compromised. Remember nothing is more important than going home to our families every day.

Be careful and thank you all for everything you do daily.

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