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**NEWS RELEASE**

**For Immediate Release:  
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**Detention Center Inmate Assault**

(Charleston County, S.C.) On August 4, 2016, shortly before 8:00 a.m., while Inmate Dylan Roof was in the process of preparing for a shower in Housing Unit 1B, he was physically assaulted by Inmate Dwayne Stafford. The altercation was broken up by a detention deputy, who was assigned as one of two detention deputies to this housing unit. The other detention deputy had departed the unit to take a break. As a result of this altercation, Inmate Roof sustained minor bruising to his face and back area.

Both inmates were examined and cleared by the Detention Center's medical staff. Inmate Roof will remain in his original housing unit. Initial incident report indicated an assault charge will be filed against Inmate Stafford; however, Inmate Roof informed our detectives through his attorney that he did not want to pursue any criminal charges against Inmate Stafford.

Given the circumstances surrounding this incident, an internal investigation and review will be conducted by the Sheriff's Office, Office of Professional Standards.

To review Inmates' Roof and Stafford current charges you can visit the Sheriff's Office website: [sheriff.charlestoncounty.org](http://sheriff.charlestoncounty.org).

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