

**3 Md. guards honored for saving inmate's life**  
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CRESAPTOWN, Md.\_Three state correctional officers have received commendations for saving an inmate's life at the maximum-security North Branch Correctional Institution near Cumberland.

Warden Bobby Shearin says officers Randy Adkins, Brian Barrett and Melvin Lewis removed a noose from the neck of an unconscious inmate who had hanged himself.

Shearin says the inmate had a history of mental health issues and violence. He is serving a life sentence for first-degree murder.

The Cumberland Times-News reported Sunday that the officers were honored during a ceremony at the prison on Wednesday.

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