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Inmate Faces Attempted Murder Charge in Attack on Correctional Officer

DPSCS Internal Investigative Unit Probe Results in Six Charges

TOWSON, MD (March 5, 2007)---A 38-year old inmate faces six charges, including attempted murder, in connection with last Friday's brutal attack on a correctional officer at the Maryland House of Correction in Jessup.

The Internal Investigative Unit of the Maryland Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services has obtained charging documents naming convicted murderer Richard Crawford as the inmate who attacked Officer Edouardo Edouazin, stabbing him seven times. The wounded officer was released from Shock Trauma in Baltimore over the weekend.

The suspect will be served a summons in his prison cell and will not be transported to a court commissioner. He faces an additional punishment of life plus 73 years. The charges are:

- Attempted first degree murder
- Attempted second degree murder
- First degree assault against a Division of Correction (DOC) employee
- Second degree assault against a DOC employee
- Reckless Endangerment
- Possessing a dangerous weapon with intent to injure

The DPSCS Internal Investigative Unit continues its probe to determine whether other inmates were involved.

Said DPSCS Secretary Gary Maynard: "This brave officer, and the colleague who saved his life, deserve our utmost appreciation. We will do everything in our power to prosecute the perpetrator of this cowardly crime. We will not tolerate assaults on our people."

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