



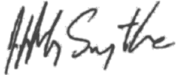

NC Department of Public Safety
JUVENILE JUSTICE AND DELINQUENCY PREVENTION

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MEMORANDUM

To: Chairs of the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Justice and Public Safety
Chairs of the Senate Appropriation Subcommittee on Justice and Public Safety
Chairs of the House Appropriation Subcommittee on Justice and Public Safety Fiscal
Research Division

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Subject: Assaults on Staff in State Juvenile Detention Centers

Date: March 15, 2026

Pursuant to § 14-258.7, the Department of Public Safety shall report by March 15 of each year to the Chairs of the House of Representatives and Senate Appropriations Subcommittees on Justice and Public Safety, the Chairs of the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Justice and Public Safety, and the Fiscal Research Division of the Legislative Services Commission on the number of incidents of any violation of G.S. 14-34.5(b), 14-34.7(b), or 14-34.7(c)(2) involving an employee or contractor of a detention facility operated by the State, and the nature of the resolution of every incident of any violation of G.S. 14-34.5(b), 14-34.7(b), or 14-34.7(c)(2) involving an employee or contractor of a detention facility operated by the State.

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1) The number of incidents of any violation of this Article, G.S. 14-34.5(b), 14-34.7(b), or 14-34.7(c)(2) involving an employee or contractor of a detention facility operated by the State.

The following table reflects violations involving an employee or contractor of a juvenile detention center or youth development center resulting in injury to staff. Youth Development Centers offer long term, residential commitment services whereas juvenile detention centers predominantly house youth pre-trial in secure custody.

CY 2025

	Violations of G.S. 14-34.5 (b) <i>Assault with a Firearm on a person employed at a State detention facility</i>	Violations of G.S. 14-34.7 (b) <i>Certain assaults on a person employed at a State detention facility (Class F)</i>	Violations of G.S. 14-34.7 (c) (2) <i>Certain assaults on a person employed at a State detention facility (Class I)</i>
Alexander Juvenile Detention Center	0	3	3
Cabarrus Juvenile Detention Center	0	0	1
Cumberland Juvenile Detention Center	0	0	0
Dillon Juvenile Detention Center	0	0	0
New Hanover Juvenile Detention Center	0	0	4
Perquimans Detention Center	0	0	0
Pitt Juvenile Detention Center	0	0	0
Richmond-Jenkins Detention Center	0	0	0
Rockingham Juvenile Detention Center	0	0	3
Wake Juvenile Detention Center	0	0	0
Cabarrus Youth Development Center	0	0	2
Chatham Youth Development Center	0	0	3



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Edgecombe Youth Development Center	0	0	1
Lenoir Youth Development Center	0	0	1
Rockingham Youth Development Center	0	0	0
Total	0	3	18

2) The nature of the resolution of every incident of any violation of this Article, G.S. 14-34.5(b), 14-34.7(b), or 14-34.7(c)(2) involving an employee or contractor of a detention facility operated by the State.

CY 2025:

Twenty-one (21) acts that appear to meet the elements of G.S. 14-34.7(b) and (c)(2), Certain Assaults on a Person Employed at a Detention Facility, occurred in CY 2025. The following delinquent petitions or criminal charges were filed for individual juveniles housed in a juvenile detention center or youth development center:

- One petition for 14-34.7 (b), which has been adjudicated.
- One petition for 14-34.7(c)(2), which was dismissed.
- One petition for 14-34.7(c)(2), which has been approved for court.
- One charge for 14-33(c)(4), Assault on a Government Official, which remains pending.
- One charge for 14-34.7(b), which remains pending.
- One charge for 14-33(c)(4), Assault on Government Official, which remains pending.
- One petition for 14-34.7(c)(2), which has been approved for court.
- One charge for 14-27.33, Sexual Battery, which is pending adjudication.
- Two charges for 14-34.7(b), which are pending adjudication.
- One petition for 14-34.7(c)(2), which was diverted.
- One petition for 14-34.7(c)(2), which was diverted.
- One petition for 14-34.7(c)(2), which has been approved for court.
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- One petition for 14-34.7(c)(2), which has been approved for court.
- One petition for 14-33(c)(4), which was dismissed, and one charge for 14-258.4(a), Malicious Conduct by a Prisoner, which resulted in a guilty plea and sentence of 13-25 months that was consolidated with another charge.
- One petition for 14-258.4(a), Malicious Conduct by a Prisoner, which was transferred to Superior Court and resulted in a guilty plea and sentence of 13-25 months that was consolidated with another charge.
- One petition for 14-33(a), Assault and Battery, which was approved for court.
- One petition for 14-34.7(c)(2), which has been approved for court.

Please note that more than one juvenile may have been involved in any individual incident or a juvenile may have received more than one charge or petition per incident and therefore the number of formal charges or petitions listed above may differ from the total counts provided in (1).

The remaining potential violations of G.S. 14-34.7(b) and G.S. 14-34.7(c)(2) were each resolved consistent with internal policy.