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Two Staff Hurt in Plankinton Incident December 28, 1999

(Pierre) – One staff member was struck on the head and another staff member required emergency care Monday afternoon after an incident involving a juvenile inmate at the Female Secure Unit on the grounds of the State Training School at Plankinton.

Initial reports indicated that the girl took a radio from an officer and struck him on the head with it. Staff then tried to subdue and restrain the girl. During the incident, the girl pulled a counselor's hair and ear so hard that the counselor needed medical attention and was taken to an emergency room at Mitchell.

The state Division of Criminal investigation was called to look into the incident.

"The public needs to know how difficult and dangerous it can be at times to work in our correctional system and how dangerous and difficult some of these inmates can be," Gov. Bill Janklow said.

The same girl was involved in an incident on Saturday. She and another girl stole over-the-counter medication from a guard and swallowed it. They were taken to the Mitchell hospital for observation and released four hours later.