

## **Officers attacked in county jail**

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Two Hamilton County Jail corrections officers are on medical leave while the inmates who attacked them Friday are under investigation, officials said Tuesday.

The corrections officers received minor injuries such as cuts and scrapes before they called for help, officials said. The officers were able to subdue the inmates before they could escape, Hamilton County Sheriff John Cupp said.

Chief Jim Hart, who oversees jail operations, said there were about five inmates involved in the attempted escape, and he does not believe any of them used a weapon.

While the officers were not seriously injured, they took leave on the advice of their physicians, the chief said.

Chief Hart said he would not release the names of the inmates suspected in the incident because the investigation is ongoing.

He said the inmates believed to have been involved have been separated from each other and placed on "administrative segregation."

The inmates were watching TV in a "day area" when the attack occurred Friday at 11 p.m., the chief said.

Sheriff Cupp said the inmates involved will face charges including assault on a corrections officer.

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