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**COLUMBIA, S.C.** – Inmates in Broad River Correctional Institution Monticello Dorm’s B side created a disturbance today after they returned to the unit from lunch in the cafeteria.

A security team entered the dorm looking for a specific inmate, and a group of other inmates surrounded them and blocked their path. These inmates were carrying homemade weapons.

The security team backed out and called for reinforcements. At that time, the warden announced over the loudspeaker for all inmates to return to their cells. Most did.

Others filled trash cans with water and flooded the floors. They also grabbed and set off fire extinguishers.

Multiple warnings were issued for inmates to return to their cells. After they continually refused, chemical munitions were used to force them to comply.

The unit was secured in about an hour. No officers or inmates were injured.

While this case is still under investigation, SCDC believes it could be connected to recent intercepted packages of contraband. Broad River CI teams have seen and intercepted an unusual number of drones carrying contraband in the past two weeks, with one dropping a package of drugs next to the fence yesterday in broad daylight. These packages of contraband were confiscated.

Security teams entered the unit to search a particular inmate in regards to the contraband, and that is when the inmates refused to comply.

The inmates responsible for today’s disturbance will be charged accordingly.

