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COLUMBIA, S.C. – An inmate at Kershaw Correctional Institution assaulted a correctional officer tonight, stabbing him four times with a homemade weapon and holding him against his will for a short period of time. The inmate also stole the officer’s keys and chemical munitions.

The officer is being treated for his wounds at a local hospital and is expected to be released tonight.

The inmate unlocked some cells and used the gas on himself and several people in the living area, but other inmates did not participate. Most stayed in their cells, and one inmate helped the officer during the scuffle.

The inmate who attacked the officer was transferred to another institution and will be charged. “Our staff puts their lives at risk every day, and I’m so thankful our officer is going to be OK,” SCDC Director Bryan Stirling said.

The SCDC Office of Investigations and Intelligence is investigating the incident.

SCDC thanks the Lancaster County EMS for its quick response and the Sheriff’s Department for escorting the ambulance to the hospital.