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#### **News**

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Reports are to be given to Livingston County's Prosecuting Attorney after what Sheriff Steve Cox called "significant" problems with "some or all" of the detainees in Cell Block #3 at the Livingston County Jail in Chillicothe last weekend. Cox said that cell block was evacuated, with nine detainees being moved to other county jail facilities.

Sheriff Cox described "riot-like" conditions as certain inmates were allegedly shouting profanities and making threats of assault, disrupting others in the facility, and repeatedly refusing to comply with jail rules and requests from detention officers. The situation included inmates trashing the jail area with wet toilet paper. Water was shut off to eliminate attempts to flood the jail and sewer system.

A plumber inspected the facility due to concerns that inmates had flushed items into the system in an attempt to flood the jail with sewage. The plumber DID find certain items which should not have been flushed into the system, with those items having since been removed. There were 41 inmates in the jail at the time of the riots, with one detention officer per shift.

Officers began to return inmates to the Livingston County Jail on Wednesday. Eight of the men will be given an opportunity to provide a statement pertaining to their level of involvement, with a report submitted to Prosecuting Attorney Adam Warren for consideration of any criminal charges. All eight could potentially receive in-house disciplinary action if jail rules were have found to be violated.