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Officials Stress: No Drugs Ingested at County Prison

Four people taken from the Lycoming County Prison's intake area to the Williamsport Regional Medical Center for overdoses Wednesday ingested those drugs before they were apprehended, county officials stressed today, contrary to a report in the Williamsport Sun-Gazette.

According to probation and court officials, a total of five individuals absconded from probation that morning, leading sheriff's deputies and probation officers to begin a search. Four of the individuals were apprehended in a vehicle on River Avenue in Loyalsock Township. They included Timothy C. Reichenbach, 22, Caitlyn M. Hall, 23, Tyrennie N. Aunkst, 28, all of Williamsport, and Anthony R. Savage, 22, of Hughesville.

The four admitted to ingesting heroin, crack cocaine, cleaning duster and time-release cough medication. Savage, Reichenbach, Aunkst and Hall were transported to the prison. The fifth absconder, 36 year old Jason A. Kiser, of South Williamsport, was apprehended a short time later.

According to prison officials, Savage and Reichenbach arrived for intake at 5:53 p.m. While still in the intake holding cells, the two were evaluated by prison medical personnel, who ordered transport by ambulance to the hospital.

Before Aunkst and Hall were processed in to the prison, they were transported by Adult Probation Officers to the hospital to be medically cleared.

"Once prison personnel evaluated the inmates and learned what drugs had been taken, they took appropriate medical steps," Lycoming County District Attorney Eric R. Linhardt said. "It is not uncommon for prison staff to deal with drug and medical issues when new inmates are being processed."

After being cleared at the hospital, Reichenbach, Savage, Hall and Aunkst were returned to the prison.