

Correctional officer stops person in custody committing self-harm

A Correctional Services officer stopped a male person in custody from committing self-harm at Stanley Prison today (November 11).

At 3.56am today, the 62-year-old person in custody was found cutting his wrist using a ball pen inside a cell. The officer immediately stopped the act and called for a reinforcement. The person in custody was found conscious. After receiving an examination and treatment in the institution hospital, he was referred to a public hospital for further treatment. A clinical psychologist of the department will follow up on the case.

A spokesman for the Correctional Services Department said, "The department uses all possible measures to prevent persons in its custody from attempting suicide or self-harm. These measures include administrative arrangements, the improvement of institution facilities, staff training and first aid services."

The person in custody was sentenced to imprisonment for the offence of trafficking in a dangerous drug in October 2011.