

2 prison guards charged in Fla. inmate collapse

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Two north Florida state prison guards are facing felony charges in the collapse of an inmate allegedly ordered to exercise in 86-degree weather without adequate water breaks.

On Tuesday, James Barry of Bell and Michael Devanie of Trenton turned themselves in to authorities.

Both are charged with malicious battery or cruel or inhuman treatment. They would face a maximum penalty of five years in prison if convicted. Barry also is charged with witness tampering, which has a 15-year maximum.

Twenty-one-year-old inmate Samuel Dread was hospitalized after collapsing in May at Lancaster Correctional Institution in Trenton. He was transferred to another prison after being released from the hospital.

Devanie's lawyer, Gloria Fletcher, disputed the charges.

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