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### **9 Juveniles Charged in Near-Riot at Daytona Detention Facility**

Nine juvenile inmates at the Volusia County Regional Juvenile Detention Facility in Daytona Beach face charges after a 30-minute melee Sunday that resulted in two staff members suffering minor injuries.

Juveniles occupying a common area of the facility at 3840 Old Deland Road took keys from a staff member, pulled televisions off walls, and refused to return to their cells when commanded.

Volusia County sheriff's deputies were called at 12:07 p.m. to the facility, which is a 60-bed facility that serves youth detained by various circuit courts. Youth are detained pending adjudication, disposition or placement in a commitment facility.

The following are being charged with inciting a riot and resisting without violence in the incident:

- Zion Counts, 17,
- Jahrece Austell, 17,
- Terrion Whitaker, 13,
- Jemari Overstreet, 18,
- Eugene Green, 13
- Stephen Hawkins, 14
- K'veon Jules, 13
- Davion Smith, 15
- Tyler Gibson, 16

In addition, Counts, Austell, Whitaker, Overstreet, Green and Hawkins were charged with battery on detention staff.

Austell is also being charged with strong-arm robbery for forcibly taking cell keys from detention staff.

The cause of the incident is still under investigation.

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