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Employee Disturbance at Moyer Packing Company

On Friday, December 15, 2006, at 10:13 a.m., police were called to the Moyer Packing Company (MOPAC) Main Plant, 249 Allentown Road in Franconia Township for a report of an employee disturbance.

Police learned that about 100 employees became upset over a payment miscommunication regarding their 2006 bonus checks. Several employees created a disturbance in the lunch room when they were told to return to work.

The first responding Franconia officers encountered a chaotic situation in the lunch room. With the assistance of MOPAC supervisory personnel, police were able to control the situation in about ten minutes. Over 70 law enforcement officials from Montgomery and Bucks Counties assisted Franconia Police in preventing a recurrence of the disturbance through the remaining lunch hours.

Moyer Packing Company issued a statement stating that the miscommunication regarding the bonus checks has since been cleared up, and the employees are now back to work.

Two men who were involved in the initial incident were taken into custody by police. One of the men has been released and will not be charged. A second man, MOPAC employee Armando Ortiz, 43, of Allentown, PA will be cited for disorderly conduct and is expected to be released within the hour.

Although there were some minor scuffles, no one was injured during the incident and no property was damaged. Police maintained a presence at the facility until about 2:00 p.m. on Friday.

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