

'Insurrection'
at Stockton Jail

Deputies

Tear Gas

Rioters

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STOCKTON — (AP) —

Deputies filled the three-tier county jail with tear gas today to quell what they called an insurrection.

A judge who tried to restore peace was bloodied and the sheriff and a deputy public defender were showered with glass, officers said.

There was no immediate count on the number of injuries.

About 15 inmates attempted to escape through window ventilators on the third floor leading to the roof, deputies said.

The outbreak occurred following a mild demonstration on the jail's second tier.

Deputies said about 50 inmates shouted at guards from outside their cells in the second protest this week of conditions and court procedures.

The boycott began when deputies said 10 prisoners refused to leave the jail for scheduled court appearances.

Municipal Court Judge William Woodward, in whose courtroom the convicts were scheduled to appear, ordered the sheriff to bring them into court "no matter how; leg irons, handcuffs or straight jackets."

Sheriff Michael N. Canlis, Superior Court Judge John B. Cechini and a deputy public defender went to the jail trying to convince the prisoners to return to their cells, others to appear in court.

A sheriff's spokesman said some prisoners threw a piece of bed iron at the sheriff and threw glass fragments at the judge. The judge was bloodied, the spokesman said.

Other prisoners in the 250-man jail were taken to hospitals for treatment of tear gas inhalation, officers said.