



CSNSW officers weed out rotten apple from prison

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Corrective Services NSW Commissioner Peter Severin has praised two prison officers, who stopped contraband from allegedly being smuggled inside an apple into Berrima Correctional Centre in the Southern Highlands.

One of the officers was injured during the incident, shortly after midday on Sunday (2 June, 2019), and underwent surgery to his wrist.

Commissioner Severin said the two officers were undertaking intelligence-based surveillance of the prison's perimeter on Sunday when they allegedly saw a man throwing an apple over the prison wall before getting into his vehicle and attempting to drive away.

"While trying to stop the man departing in the car, one of our officers was struck by the vehicle's side mirror and suffered a fractured wrist," Mr Severin said.

"The injured officer underwent surgery and we hope he makes a full recovery.

"I commend our staff for their courage and determination."

The apple was seized and found to be concealing a syringe and alleged drugs.

NSW Police charged a 44-year-old man with using an offensive weapon to prevent lawful detention, supply syringe to inmate in custody, possess prohibited drug and three counts of possess identity information to commit indictable offence.

He was refused bail and will appear at Hornsby Local Court on 12 June.

All affected staff at Berrima were offered counselling.