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Award in Inmate's Death

■ A D.C. Superior Court jury has ordered the city to pay \$850,000 to the family of a prisoner who was fatally stabbed by another inmate at the Lorton Correctional Complex. City officials said they plan to appeal the verdict, handed down last Friday.

The family of Joseph Daniels contended that security was lax at the Occoquan facility, a medium-security part of the prison complex. Daniels, 25, who was serving time on a drug charge, was killed in February 1995. Another prisoner, Robert Turner, later was convicted of first-degree murder in the attack and given a life prison term.

The family's attorney, Douglas R. Sparks, said that only two correctional officers, rather than the three required, were on duty at the time.