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Sergeant Assaulted at Coxsackie Correctional Facility

A sergeant at the Coxsackie Correctional Facility was treated for facial injuries at Albany Medical Center after he was punched several times in the face by an inmate while escorting him back to his cell on Saturday, March 8, 2014.

The incident occurred at approximately 1:30 p.m. at the maximum security facility located 30 miles south of Albany. The sergeant and another officer were escorting Deon Williams, 22, back to his cell when Williams stopped to talk to another inmate, who was in his cell. Williams was advised by the sergeant to keep walking and that he was not allowed to stop on the prison tier to talk.

Williams, who was carrying personal items in a bag, turned, dropped his bag, and violently punched the sergeant several times in the face. As the assault occurred several other officers responded to the scene to get him under control. Williams continued to be combative and resisted being restrained. Officers eventually got restraints on him.

The sergeant was transported to the hospital for treatment. He sustained two blackened eyes, blurred vision and facial swelling. He was treated and released later that day.

Williams, who is serving a 5 year sentence after being convicted for Robbery 2nd in Queens County in 2013, was placed in a Special Housing Unit.

The investigation is continuing. No criminal charges have been filed at this time.

"This unprovoked attack that occurred this past Saturday is a prime example of the type of serious assaults that are occurring to our members statewide. As the prison population continues to become more violent measures need to be taken to keep our members safe and hold the inmates accountable for their actions," stated, Mid-Hudson Region Vice President Michael Mazzella.

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