



## **Media Release**

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### **Officers Injured in Attack at Five Points Correctional Facility**

#### *Officers Investigating Disturbance Inside Cell Assaulted By Two Inmates*

Romulus, NY – Three correction officers were injured at Five Points Correctional last evening when they were attacked by two inmates at the maximum security prison.

The incident occurred at approximately 8:10 p.m. Four officers had responded to a disturbance between two inmates inside of a cell. When the officers arrived, one inmate was removed from the cell and placed in restraints as a precaution. Two officers then entered the cell and attempted to remove the other inmate involved in the disturbance. The inmate, Larry Mann, lunged at both officers near the front of the cell and struck both officers in the face with closed fists.

One of the officers was able to use a body hold to get control of Mann and forced him to the floor. Once on the floor Mann complied with the officer's orders to stop fighting.

As that was occurring an inmate, who was originally on the phone near the cell, attacked the officer who was watching the first inmate taken out of the cell. He came up without notice from behind and tackled the officer to the floor. The officer hit his head on the floor, knocking him unconscious.

Two officers came to the aid of the fallen officer. The inmate, Matthew Gilreath, punched one officer in the face with a closed fist. Both officers were able to get body holds on Gilreath and take him to the floor. Restraints were applied once he complied to the officers' orders.

The officer who was tackled to the floor gained consciousness and was treated by medical staff at the facility. He and two other officers who were injured in the attacks, were taken by ambulance to Cayuga Medical Center in Ithaca for treatment.

One officer sustained a concussion and a contusion to his head. The other two officers sustained swelling to the left eye, left cheek bone, lower back, elbow and neck pain. All three were treated and released from the medical facility.

Mann, 27, is serving an three to six year sentence after being convicted in Kings County for Robbery 3<sup>rd</sup> in 2012. Gilreath, 24, is serving a eight year sentence after being convicted for Robbery 1<sup>st</sup>, Robbery 2<sup>nd</sup> and Attempted Criminal Possession of a Weapon 2<sup>nd</sup> in Nassau County in 2011.

Both inmates were placed in a special housing unit following the attacks.

“ The violence against staff by inmates in our correctional facilities continues to be one of the biggest safety issues for our membership. Our members are getting injured by unprovoked attacks on a regular basis. This latest incident comes on the heels of last week stabbings of two officers at Elmira. We will continue to monitor the situation as the investigation moves forward but the administration must seriously address the current violence against staff,” stated Mike Dildine, Western Region Vice President.

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