



## **Media Release**

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### **Inmate Attacks Officers With Baton**

#### ***Convicted Murderer Serving 46 Years to Life Injures Several Officers in Assault***

**Attica, NY** – Several correction officers were injured at Attica Correctional Facility on July 4 when an inmate incarcerated for murder and robbery punched an officer in the face twice, grabbed his baton away from him, and then struck several other officers who were attempting to get him subdued.

The assault occurred at approximately 8:30 AM. An officer was releasing inmates from their cells in one of the cell blocks for breakfast. While at the front end gate, without provocation, Inmate Theodore Haynes struck an officer twice in the left side of the face. After hitting the officer, the inmate was able to grab his baton away from him.

The officer immediately attempted to secure the inmate behind the end gate but the inmate blocked it's closing. Another officer responded to the scene to help secure the gate. The inmate then struck both officers with the baton.

The responding officer was able to strike Haynes with his baton in an attempt to move him back from the gate.

Additional staff arrived at the scene and Haynes was driven to the back of the cell block but continued to strike at staff with the baton. Haynes was able to also grab a broom which he used to jab at the staff.

Eventually the officers were able to get the inmate in body holds, force him against the wall, and then to the ground.

While on the ground the inmate released the baton and broom. Officers then placed him in restraints and removed him from the cell block.

During the incident several officers were injured. One officer was struck in the forehead and face with the baton. Other officers struck with the baton sustained elbow, knee, hand and facial injuries.

The injured officers were transported out of the prison for medical treatment. They were all treated and released. None of their injuries are serious at this time.

Haynes, 31, who is serving a 46 years to life sentence for the murder and robbery of a pizza deliveryman in Schenectady in 2000, was transferred out of the facility.

"This type of unprovoked attack on staff has been occurring on a regular basis across the state. Our concern for our members safety has always been our top priority and more so now as the attacks on staff continue to rise. There needs to be meaningful discipline for those inmates who don't want to conform to the rules inside the prison walls. If that doesn't occur our members will continue to be at risk," stated Mike Dildine, NYSCOPBA Western Region Vice President.