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Officers Save Inmate

Inmate Revived After Collapsing Playing Basketball

Naponach, NY – Three correction officers are credited with saving the life of an inmate who went into cardiac arrest while playing basketball at Eastern Correctional Facility.

On December 28th at approximately 1:40PM inmate Rayshawn Smith was playing basketball in the armory. He collapsed and was unresponsive when officers responded to the emergency. Two officers, Jeremy Greene and Michael Landon, administered CPR to Smith. Officer Jeremy Osterhoudt arrived at the scene with an Automatic External Defibrillator (AED). He applied the AED to Smith and it advised shock administration.

After receiving one shock, inmate Smith became responsive. Medical staff arrived at the scene and Smith was transported to the prison hospital. He was then transported via helicopter to Albany Medical Center.

Smith, who is serving 26 years to life after being convicted for Murder 2nd in Kings County in 1991, is currently in stable condition.

This is the second inmate that correction officers revived in the past month. On December 11 at Greene Correctional Facility, officers revived a 40 year old inmate that went into cardiac arrest.

Officers used an AED and CPR to revive the inmate.

"Despite the constant scrutiny and criticism members in law enforcement across the country have received in the past several years, it is refreshing to recognize the heroic work that our members do on a daily basis that often go unnoticed. In less than a month two inmates who went into cardiac arrest and were unresponsive were revived by the quick actions of our members. They are all certainly a credit to their profession." stated Mid-Hudson Region Vice President Michael Mazzella.