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Officer Stabbed Multiple Times at Attica Correctional Facility

Inmate Previously Convicted of Murder Used Sharpened Metal Tube During Unprovoked Attack

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Attica, NY – An officer was repeatedly stabbed in the upper chest with a sharpened knife-like weapon by an incarcerated individual who was previously convicted of murder.

On the morning of Friday October 8, an officer assigned to D Block let an inmate out of his cell to receive his medication. As the inmate exited his cell, he suddenly grabbed the officer's arm and repeatedly stabbed the officer multiple times with a sharp metal object. After being stabbed 3 times in the upper left chest, the officer fell backwards, freeing himself of the inmate's grip. While on the ground, the injured officer summoned for help and the inmate retreated back into his cell. Two officers immediately responded and confronted the suspect in his cell, who was now armed with metal weapons in both hands. The responding officers ordered the inmate to surrender the weapons and he complied by tossing them out of his cell and onto the floor. Once the weapons were recovered, the officers entered the cell and applied restraints on the assailant.

The inmate, 45, was uninjured in the attack and is being held pending charges. He is currently serving a life sentence after being convicted of Murder 2nd and Assault 2nd during an attempted robbery in Suffolk County in 1998.

The officer was taken to facility medical staff for evaluation. Medical staff observed a ¼ inch abrasion on the officer's upper left chest, redness on his back and ankle pain. The officer was transported to Erie County Medical Center for further treatment and remains unable to return to work.

Following the attack, officers recovered a 5 ½ inch brass or copper tube which was sharpened to a point and a 14 ½ inch rusted jagged piece of metal from the inmate's cell. Officers also found two pens in the injured officer's shirt pocket, which had gouge marks on them and appear to have been also struck by the metal shank during the vicious assault.

“Over the past decade, violent attacks against our officers have skyrocketed to the point where we are on pace to set a new record year after year, despite an inmate population that is at its lowest in decades. How many more of my members must be hurt before our elected leaders take notice? Because of Albany’s progressive agenda, the all but elimination of the discipline system in New York State correctional facilities has created a consequence-free environment inside our prisons and allows these predators to roam free to attack anyone they choose. My thoughts and prayers go out to this officer and his family and thankfully for all of us, if it wasn’t for a couple random pens in this officer’s pocket, his injuries would have been much more severe. There’s no sugarcoating it, this murderer has clearly no regard for human life and he should be prosecuted for attempted murder, but it’s time for our elected leaders to back common sense policies that protect law-abiding citizens who are just trying to work to support their families.” – stated Mark DeBurgomaster, NYSCOPBA Western Region Vice President.