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Officer Injured at Marcy Correctional Facility

Sustains Fractured Elbow in Incident with Inmate

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Marcy, NY – An officer sustained a fractured elbow after chasing an inmate who was acting erratically in the gymnasium and causing the officer to fall to the walkway when he caught the inmate and put him in a body hold to contain him.

On Wednesday, August 31, the officer, who was assigned to the gymnasium, noticed the inmate was acting erratically and yelling at other inmates. The officer ordered the inmate out into the lobby and told the inmate to place his hands on the wall. Initially, the inmate complied but suddenly pushed off the wall and struck the officer in the chest with his elbow. The inmate ran out of the lobby onto the outside walkway. The officer chased the inmate, caught up to him, and placed him in a body hold around the waist. The inmate continued to resist and was forced to the ground. On the ground and still extremely combative, a second officer responded and administered OC spray to the inmate.

Handcuffs were applied and the inmate became compliant.

He was escorted to the infirmary to be evaluated and was placed in a Special Housing Unit following the incident.

The injured officer was transported to Rome Hospital for elbow, knee and wrist injuries. X-rays determined he sustained a fractured elbow.

"Following a week long set of rallies to call on the repeal of the HALT Act, we are here once again announcing another officer injured and who will be out of work for weeks as a result of another violent inmate. The stark reality is that HALT has only made our state prisons more dangerous and the statistics bare that truth. Until the legislators who supported HALT recognize its failure and the need to repeal or alter it dramatically, the violence will continue and our members will continue to be injured and that is not acceptable." – Stated Bryan Hluska, NYSCOPBA Central Region Vice President.