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Officer Has Urine Thrown on Him at Gouverneur Correctional Facility

Violence against Staff Shatters All-Time Record in Prisons

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Gouverneur, NY – An officer who was collecting dinner trays from inmates who were confined to their cells had urine thrown on him by an inmate at the medium security correctional facility last Thursday.

The officer was picking up the plastic trays when an inmate, inside his cell, threw a liquid that smelled of urine from a cup through the cell door hatch. The liquid struck the officer in leg and upper body.

A response was called to the scene.

A supervisor ordered the inmate out of his cell so he could be moved to another cell. Initially he refused and an extraction team responded to the cell. The inmate refused to come out of his cell after several orders. OC spray was administered, which had its desired effect. The inmate was handcuffed, removed from the cell, and brought to medical to be decontaminated.

After the incident the inmate was placed in another cell and faces disciplinary charges.

The officer was taken to the medical facility and decontaminated from the exposure. After treatment, the officer returned to duty.

“Throwing urine or feces on an officer is one of the most despicable acts an inmate can take. The officer at Gouverneur was simply performing his duties when he had what appeared to be urine thrown on him, striking him in the body. The State Legislature made throwing

urine or feces on an officer a felony several years ago, hoping that it would deter inmates from taking such action. It clearly has not had that effect, especially with literally no internal disciplinary measures left. Assaults on staff, and make no mistake, this was an assault, have now shattered what was the all-time record on assaults with three weeks left in 2022. Those numbers will continue to grow and certainly continue into next year with HALT Act in full effect.” – Stated Bryan Hluska , Central Region Vice President.