



Four Officers Injured at Green Haven Correctional Facility

One Officer Transported to Local Hospital for Treatment

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Stormville, NY – Four officers were injured at Green Haven Correctional Facility when a 37 year old inmate attacked one officer and injured three others who attempted to subdue him when he remained combative after the initial assault.

On Thursday, June 20, the inmate was observed walking towards one officer, acting strange and mumbling. The officer and a second officer began to walk towards the inmate. When the officers got in range, the inmate suddenly punched one of the officers in the face. The second officer stepped in between the inmate and pushed the inmate away. She called for a response as the inmate remained aggressive and combative. The two officers grabbed the inmate in a body hold and forced him to the floor where he continued to fight. The two officers were unable to get restraints on the inmate's wrist as he continued to fight and be extremely aggressive. Three additional officers responded to the attack and attempted to restrain the inmate's legs and force his arms behind his back. After a brief struggle, staff were able to apply handcuffs. Once in handcuffs, the inmate became compliant. He was brought to his feet and escorted to a Special Housing Unit.

The injured officers were treated by medical staff in the infirmary. Three officers sustained forearm, knee, and elbow injuries subduing the inmate. They remained on duty after treatment.

The officer who was initially assaulted, sustained hand, knee, shoulder and elbow injuries. He was transported to Mid-Hudson Hospital for treatment and did not return to duty.

The inmate is serving a 14 years to life sentence after being convicted for Predatory Sexual Assault in 2019 in New York County. Previously he served a six year sentence for Attempted Rape 1st in 2013.

“The statistics on prison violence over the last two years have reached historic levels and will only continue to increase unless staff are provided relief in the near future. New York needs to invest in recruiting new officers, compensating the existing ones accordingly, provide incentives to retain officers and make resources available to improve safety. Unless that occurs in the near future, assaults like this at Green Haven will continue and only get worse when more prisons are closed and inmates are overcrowded into the existing ones. It sounds like a broken record, but the current state of the prison system is not sustainable and our members are suffering as a result.” – stated Joe Horacek, NYSCOPBA Mid- Hudson Region Vice President.