



## ***Two Female Inmates Assault Staff at Albion Correctional Facility in Separate Attacks***

*Two Officers Transported to Local Hospital for Injuries*

### **For Immediate Release**

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**Albion, NY** – Two female inmates, who are eligible for parole this year, attacked and injured six officers and one sergeant at the medium security correctional facility last week. In one incident, the inmate threw a state issued electrical iron at an officer, striking him in the head.

On January 1, at approximately 12:00 a.m., the inmate approached the officer's platform in one of the facility's dorms, armed with the iron. She threw the iron at the officer, striking him in the head. The officer called for a response as the inmate ran into the day room of the dorm followed by two other female inmates. The three inmates began exchanging punches and refused the officers orders to cease. He utilized OC spray on the inmates, which had a desired effect, and they stopped fighting.

The three inmates were escorted to the infirmary to be decontaminated and evaluated. During the escort, the initial inmate involved in the assault, kicked rearward striking a sergeant in both legs.

The officer who was initially attacked sustained head injuries, injured right knee and blurred vision. He was transported to Medina Memorial Hospital for further treatment and did not return to duty.

The sergeant and a second officer sustained wrist, hand and knee injuries subduing the inmate and were treated at the facility and remained on duty.

The female inmate in the initial assault is serving a one-to-three-year sentence for Burglary 3<sup>rd</sup> after being convicted in Tompkins County. She is eligible for parole this month.

The second assault occurred two days later on January 3. A female inmate was being escorted for a mental health evaluation. Staff attempted to conduct a pat frisk for contraband when she started flailing her arms and attempted to attack staff. She was forced against the wall in a body hold. On the wall she became compliant before suddenly spinning around and striking a female officer in the face and eye socket. Staff immediately placed her in body hold and forced her to the ground where she remained combative. Handcuffs and leg restraints were applied, and she became compliant.

The officer who was struck in the face was transported to Erie County Medical Center by ambulance for head injuries and dizziness. She did not return to duty.

Three officers sustained knee, back and shoulder injuries subduing the inmate. They were treated by medical staff at the facility and remained on duty.

The inmate, 36, is serving a one-to-three-year sentence after violating probation on an initial Burglary 3<sup>rd</sup> conviction in Greene County in 2023. She is eligible for parole in June.