



Three Officers, One Sergeant Injured at Five Points Correctional Facility

Inmate Armed with Weapon Attacks Staff

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Romulus, NY – A sergeant and three officers were injured when a 28-year-old inmate armed with a sharpened toothbrush in his pocket, attacked staff who attempted to frisk him for the weapon at the maximum-security facility last month.

On Saturday, March 29, inmates were being processed through the metal detector at the facility when the sergeant noticed an object protruding from the inmate's pocket near his waistband. The inmate was ordered to submit to a pat frisk. He refused and attempted to run from staff while reaching for the object in his pocket. He was quickly grabbed by staff in a body hold and they attempted to force him to the ground. The inmate was able to break free and struck two officers in the head and face multiple times. Staff regained control and forced the inmate to the floor. On the floor and still combative, the inmate grabbed the sergeant by his uniform shirt and attempted to grab the object out of his pocket. Staff were able to eventually force his arms behind his back before he could grab the weapon and apply handcuffs. Once in handcuffs, he was brought to his feet. Still uncooperative, he attempted to spit on several officers on multiple occasions as he was escorted out of the cell block. Eventually a spit net was applied to protect staff from exposure.

A six-inch-long sharpened toothbrush was recovered from the floor by staff after the incident. The make-shift weapon was placed into evidence.

All involved staff were evaluated by medical staff at the facility. The sergeant sustained pain and swelling to his knee. Three officers sustained facial, arm, knee, shoulder, head, and wrist injuries. All were treated at the facility. The sergeant, and two officers remained on duty. One officer, who sustained wrist and head injuries, received further treatment at Cayuga Medical Center.

The inmate, who is serving a 12-year sentence after being convicted in Erie County in 2019 for Robbery 1st and Assault 2nd, was placed in a Special Housing Unit pending disciplinary charges.