



## ***Two Sergeants Attacked at Sing Sing Correctional Facility***

*Four Officers Injured Responding to Attack by Two Inmates*

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**Ossining , NY** –A 38 year old inmate scheduled to be released in five months viciously attacked and injured a sergeant after the inmate became agitated when he could not find his tablet in his cell at the maximum security correctional facility.

On Thursday, April 10, the inmate approached two sergeants who were conducting security rounds. He came belligerent, yelling and cursing about who took his tablet from his cell. One of the sergeants ordered the inmate to return to his cell. When the inmate entered the cell, he slammed the cell door, which ricocheted back open and then spit in the face of the sergeant. He immediately charged the sergeant and grabbed him around the waist and pulled him to the ground and began striking him in the face and head. The sergeant was able to briefly maneuver around and apply body holds to the inmate's legs as he continued to assault the sergeant. A second inmate entered the assault and struck the sergeant in the back of the head. The second sergeant applied OC spray to both inmates with no effect. The second inmate threw and unknown object at the second sergeant, striking her in the face.

As the assault continued, multiple officers heard the commotion and responded to the attack. Force was utilized to break the first sergeant free from the inmate's hold. Body holds were utilized on both inmates who continued to be combative and handcuffs were applied. Once

in handcuffs, both inmates were brought to their feet and escorted to the infirmary for evaluation.

All injured staff responded to the medical facility for treatment. The first sergeant assaulted sustained pain and swelling to his face, head, back and neck. He remained on duty. The second sergeant sustained minor injuries to her face and ear. She remained on duty. Four officers who responded to the attack sustained shoulder, wrist, knee, and back injuries. Three officers remained on duty after treatment. The fourth officer sought further outside medical treatment for his injuries and did not return to duty.

The initial inmate in the assault is serving a 12-year sentence after being convicted of two counts of Attempted Gang Assault 1<sup>st</sup> in Schenectady County in 2014. He is scheduled for release from prison in September.

After the attack, he was transferred to Shawangunk Correctional Facility.

The second inmate is serving a 20-year sentence after being convicted in Westchester County for Manslaughter 1<sup>st</sup> and Robbery 1<sup>st</sup> in 2018. He was transferred to Green Haven Correctional Facility following the attack.

“As most correctional facilities still struggle with staffing shortages, the reality they face is inmate violence continues at epidemic levels following the end of the strike. This latest attack on staff was entirely unprovoked by an inmate who is scheduled to be released at the end of the summer. In most instances, you would think he would be on his best behavior awaiting his release. Unfortunately, that is not reality. Time and time again, we see attacks on staff committed by inmates eligible for parole or near their release date. More than likely, they will engage in the same type of violent behavior when released and wind up back in prison. It is a miserable cycle that unfortunately staff must endure far too often.” - stated David Luther, NYSCOPBA Southern Region Vice President.