



Staff Injured in Two Assaults at Five Points Correctional Facility

National Guardsman Among Injured Officers

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Romulus, NY – Two officers needed to be transported to an outside hospital for injuries and were among seven staff who were injured in two separate inmate assaults at the maximum-security correctional facility.

The first attack occurred on June 16th at approximately 7:00 p.m. Staff were conducting inmate counts when an officer observed an inmate's cell window covered. The inmate was unresponsive to several orders. Additional staff responded to the cell and several more orders were ignored, and the inmate remained unresponsive. The cell door was opened, and the inmate was ordered to exit. He refused. Two officers entered the cell, and both were struck by the inmate, one in the face and the other in the forehead. They placed the inmate in a body hold and forced him to the floor. On the floor and still combative, the inmate was able to grab one of the officers in a choke hold and refused to let go. Additional

officers entered the cell and used force to get the inmate to release the chokehold. He continued to kick at officers until they were able to subdue him and apply handcuffs. Once in handcuffs he was brought to his feet and was removed from the cell and brought for evaluation.

The two initial officers who entered the cell sustained forehead, neck, shoulder injuries. One of the officers involved broke his arm and wrist during the incident and is now out of work. They were treated at the medical facility and transported to Cayuga Medical Center for further treatment.

A third officer injured his wrist subduing the inmate. He was treated at the facility and remained on duty.

The inmate, 45, is serving a 20-year sentence after being convicted in Queens County in 2015 for Kidnapping 2nd and Assault 2nd. He was placed in a Special Housing Unit after the incident.

The second assault occurred on July 6. A sergeant was conducting an interview of an inmate in the interview room. The inmate became agitated and aggressive. The sergeant and another officer grabbed the inmate in a body hold and forced him to the wall. He grabbed the sergeant's uniform shirt and put his hand around his throat and refused to let go. He was forced to the ground and after a brief struggle was placed in handcuffs. Once in handcuffs, he became compliant.

When staff brought him to his feet he attempted to spit on officers. A spit net was applied, and he was removed from the interview room.

The sergeant and two officers sustained knee and hand injuries in the attack. They were treated at the facility and remained on duty. A National Guardsman assigned to the facility sustained a shoulder injury assisting in subduing the inmate. He remained on duty as well.

The inmate, 33, is serving a 15-year sentence after being convicted in Nassau County for two counts of Robbery 2nd in 2014. He was placed in a Special Housing Unit after the incident.

“An officer broke his arm and wrist making sure the inmate was alive during a routine count. A sergeant while conducting a routine interview was choked, simply talking to an inmate. These are daily duties of the men and women that work inside the prisons of our state, what also have become daily occurrences are the onslaught of attacks by the incarcerated that live there. Over 900 employees have been assaulted in 2025 across the state so far this year. Thankfully, these members were not beaten or injured worse than what occurred, but the messaging has been the same for years, no assault is acceptable. These actions cause a ripple effect that worsens staffing levels, which makes the facilities less safe for everyone inside the walls and fences. No officer or sergeant deserves to become a punching bag, I don’t know at this point what will get the attention of the majority legislators to take action to protect everyone inside of the prisons rather a select few that live there!”-stated Kenny Gold, NYSCOPBA Western Region Vice President.

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