

## Inmate Unrest Continues at Five Points Correctional Facility

Officer has Urine, Feces Thrown in Face by Inmate

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Romulus, NY – An officer sustained significant exposure after an inmate threw urine and feces from a Styrofoam cup, striking the officer in the face, eyes, and mouth and a second officer on his uniform shirt. The incident occurred during a four-day period in which two inmate on inmate fights occurred in the mess hall and staff recovered a ceramic blade on another inmate at the maximum-security correctional facility.

On Wednesday, July 2, two officers were delivering feed trays to inmates in the Residential Mental Health Unit (RMHU). When the two officers approached one cell, the inmate propelled liquid containing urine and feces through the feed hatch, striking both officers. Both officers immediately called for a response, and both were taken to the infirmary for exposure.

The officer who was struck in the face developed redness and swelling to his eyes and mouth. Medical staff deemed his exposure to be significant. He was transported to Geneva General Hospital for further treatment and did not return to duty. The second officer remained on duty.

On the same day, staff recovered a black ceramic razor in an inmate's pants pocket during a pat frisk. The inmate was leaving the mess hall and failed to return his plastic spork to the kitchen. He was ordered to submit to a pat frisk and complied. The weapon was in his right pants pocket and seized as evidence. The inmate faces disciplinary charges in the incident.

On Saturday, July 5, two inmate on inmate fights occurred in facility mess halls which needed staff to utilize body holds to break up the fights and the inmates into handcuffs. In both cases, the two inmates began exchanging punches and refused staff orders to stop. In one of the fights, OC spray was utilized but was ineffective. Staff put the inmates in body holds to separate them and forced them to the ground. Once on the floor and contained, the inmates were placed in handcuffs. Once in handcuffs, they became compliant and were brought to their feet and escorted out of the mess halls.

The same day, three officers and a National Guardsman needed to utilize force to contain an unruly inmate who refused to enter and lock in his cell and became aggressive with them. After he refused to enter his cell, he was ordered to submit to a pat frisk, which he initially complied. When ordered to put his hands behind his back so handcuffs could be applied, he refused and became aggressive with staff and attempted to incite other inmates on the cell block. He was placed in a body hold and forced to the ground where he remained combative. Once his arms were forced behind his back he was placed in handcuffs, brought to his feet, and removed from the cell block. No one was injured in the incident.

"Thankfully during the five incidents at Five Points, only one officer was injured. His injuries, which was exposure to bodily fluids to his face, eyes and mouth, could have long-term medical implications. Throwing feces and urine at an officer is one of the vilest acts an inmate can do. Even though the act itself is designated a felony under state law, for most inmates who throw bodily fluids at staff, they could care less of the ramifications of doing so. Unfortunately, these are common occurrences that the men and women that work inside the prisons are subjected to. Daily assaults at the hands of inmates that leave officers out of work for several days or months because of the injuries they sustain. The sad reality for those officers is none of these acts or injuries gain the attention of the majority of the legislature so meaningful change can occur to protect those men and women."-stated Kenny Gold, NYSCOPBA Western Region Vice President.