



Officer Stabbed by Inmate Auburn Correctional Facility

Convicted Murderer Attacks Officer Outside Mess Hall

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Auburn, NY –An officer sustained a puncture wound to his stomach after a 56-year-old inmate came up on him and stabbed him with a homemade weapon at the maximum security correctional facility last week.

On Friday, September 19, the officer was monitoring inmates leaving the mess hall after lunch. The inmate walked past the officer and then doubled back suddenly and hit him in the stomach while he held an unknown object in his hand. The officer immediately reacted and utilized his OC spray to the inmate's face. He immediately became compliant and placed his hands on the wall outside the mess hall. He was escorted to a Special Housing Unit to be frisked for contraband. During the frisk, the metal shank fell from the inmate's pants. A further search of the area where the stabbing occurred recovered a second weapon, a plastic ice pick type weapon.

The injured officer was treated by medical staff at the facility. He sustained a small puncture wound to his stomach and was transported to Auburn Hospital for further treatment. The officer has yet to return to work.

The inmate is serving a life sentence after being convicted in 2001 of Murder 2nd, Attempted Murder 1st and Assault 1st in Kings County. While on parole he shot and killed a 16-year-old boy and a father of four in two separate incidents. Additionally, he shot and wounded a New York City Police Officer as police closed in on him for the two murders.

“This stabbing of an officer at Auburn is a perfect example of why the HALT Act needs to be amended immediately so the disciplinary system is stronger to deter vicious assaults like this. When you have an inmate who already killed two people and shot and wounded a police officer and is serving a life sentence with no ability for parole, there is nothing that a district attorney can do with additional charges that will deter it from happening again. Who goes to work thinking they might get stabbed? Our members have to question this daily and what is most disturbing to us is that the lawmakers think this is alright. They act like this is normal. Thankfully, this officer didn’t die, but someone will if the State Legislature doesn’t take the recommendations of the HALT Committee seriously and make the necessary changes to ensure the future safety for our members!” - stated Kenny Gold, Western Region Vice President.