

## Inmate Attacks Staff Five Points Correctional Facility

## Officer Sustains Knee Injury During Struggle September 29, 2025

**Romulus, NY** – One officer needed to be transported to an outside hospital for a knee injury after an inmate refused to return to his cell and fought with staff who attempted to subdue him at the maximum security correctional facility.

On Saturday, September 13, two officers were monitoring inmates exiting their cells for morning recreation when one inmate refused to follow staff orders to return to his cell. He became belligerent and continued to refuse orders to return to his cell. He took an aggressive stance against the two officers and clenched his fists. The two officers grabbed the inmate in a body hold and forced him back into the cell. He attempted to punch one officer and was unsuccessful. He continued to be extremely combative. The two officers forced him back out of the cell and onto the cell block floor. On the floor and still fighting both officers, he began to push himself off the floor when additional staff arrived. During the struggle, he attempted to kick several officers. After containing his legs and upper body, staff were able to force his arms behind his back and apply handcuffs. Once in handcuffs, he was brought to his feet and escorted to a holding cell.

In the holding cell, he continued to be belligerent and threaten officers.

Shortly after, he was escorted from the holding cell to a Special Housing Unit and faces disciplinary charges in the attack.

One officer sustained a knee injury while subduing the inmate. He was treated by medical staff at the facility and was transported to Geneva Hospital for further treatment.

The inmate, 22, is serving a seven-year sentence after being convicted in Kings County in 2022 for Attempted Murder 2<sup>nd</sup>.

"The recommendations the HALT Committee released last week is exactly what is needed to address situations like this at Five Points. Far too often inmates assault and injure staff, and they know under the current system there is no real discipline that can be applied to stop them from attacking staff over and over. The lack of support staff receive from the State Legislature is alarming. They downplay the violence and continue to coddle violent inmates regardless of their behavior. Day after day, officers across the state are being attacked by inmates and wind up in local hospitals with injuries, which need time to heal, thus causing even bigger staffing issues. This must stop otherwise one day we will have a member killed at the hands of an inmate. The HALT Committee, comprised of all unions, and the department put the effort in and made thoughtful and important recommendations. It is now time for our elected officials to finally step up and show support for all DOCCS employees and endorse them."-stated Kenny Gold, NYSCOPBA Western Region Vice President.