



Female Officer Sustains Concussion at Coxsackie Correctional Facility

47-Year-Old Inmate Incarcerated for Murder Attacks Officer

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Coxsackie , NY – A 47-year-old inmate, serving 20 years to life sentence for murder attacked a female officer at the facility, punching her in the face at the maximum-security correctional facility last week.

On Saturday, September 27, the officer was monitoring inmates returning from afternoon recreation. Without any provocation, the inmate approached the officer in an aggressive manner. The officer ordered the inmate to back up and he refused. He proceeded to punch the officer with a closed fist in the face. The officer stumbled backwards and ran to get distance from the inmate while he chased her. The inmate stopped in his tracks when additional staff arrived. He was ordered to place his hands against the wall, and he was placed in handcuffs and escorted to a Special Housing Unit pending disciplinary charges.

The injured officer was treated by medical staff at the facility and transported to a local urgent care where she was diagnosed with a concussion and whiplash. She did not return to duty.

The inmate was convicted in Chemung County in 2024 for Murder 2nd in connection with a stabbing death of another man on a street in Elmira.

“Unfortunately, in this situation there is not much the Greene County District Attorney can do to prosecute an inmate serving a 20-year sentence. He has been a strong advocate of our members at Greene and Cossack Correctional Facilities and successfully prosecuted dozens of inmates for attacking staff which extended their time incarcerated. He is one of the last line of defenses to deter inmates from attacking staff with a weakened disciplinary system because of HALT. Thankfully, the officer will recover. It might have been much worse had her fellow officers not arrived quickly to stop the inmate from pursuing the officer any further.” , - stated Joe Horacek, NYSCOPBA Mid-Hudson Region Vice President.