



## ***Inmate Fight Injures Officers at Cayuga Correctional Facility***

*One Officer Sustains Broken Collarbone Subduing Inmate Armed with Weapon*

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**Cayuga , NY** – Three officers sustained injuries, including one with a dislocated shoulder, after an inmate fight unfolded inside one of the facility dorms as officers were monitoring inmates leaving the dorm for their afternoon meal at the medium security correctional facility.

On Tuesday, October 7, two officers entered the dorm and observed one inmate on the ground with another inmate on top of him making slashing type motions. One officer activated his alarm for assistance. When additional staff arrived, they approached the inmate who was on top of the other inmate and he ran off towards the dorm bathroom. The inmate who was on the ground, got to his feet, walked towards the sleeping quarters, and began exchanging punches with another inmate. They were issued orders to stop fighting but refused. OC spray was utilized by staff on both inmates. The OC spray had no effect and the inmates continued to fight with one inmate making stabbing motions towards the others back. Staff approached both inmates and they separated. One inmate became compliant and was handcuffed. The second inmate began running towards one of the officers with a weapon in his hand. The officer administered OC spray again and it had the desired effect, and he became compliant.

Unrelated to the initial two fights, a fourth inmate charged towards one of the officers from the dorm area. The officer utilized OC spray with no effect. The inmate attempted to run out of the dorm and was confronted by a responding officer who ordered him to stop. When the inmate ignored his orders, the officer grabbed the inmate in a body hold and forced him to the ground. Once on the ground, the inmate became compliant, and handcuffs were applied. He was escorted from the dorm area.

After the entire incident was contained, the inmates were taken to the facility infirmary for treatment and decontamination. One inmate, who was in the first fight, sustained a laceration to his face consistent with a cutting type weapon.

Three officers sustained injuries in the incident. The officer who tackled the inmate as he attempted to run out of the dorm sustained a dislocated shoulder and was treated at SUNY Upstate Hospital. Two other officers sustained abrasions, shoulder, and neck injuries. They were treated by medical staff at the facility and remained on duty.

During the investigation, staff recovered a six-inch ice pick type weapon on the ground near the dorm. After reviewing the officers' body worn cameras, it was determined that the inmate who was tackled by the officer with the dislocated shoulder was in possession of the weapon and had it in his hand making stabbing motions towards the officer that were unsuccessful.

A second weapon with blood on the tip was located hidden inside the toaster of the dorm during the subsequent search.

All four inmates were placed in a Special Housing Unit following the incident.

"Another day, another officer injured who won't be returning to work for weeks because of his dislocated shoulder sustained subduing an inmate armed with a weapon. This puts another dent into the staffing crisis the plagues the prison system. These quick acting officers more than likely saved an inmate's life while risking their own. The chaos that occurred in the dorm at Cayuga is a daily occurrence in the 42 prisons in New York, yet the State Legislature, who can impact the current violence by toughening policies, stands idly by and does nothing to protect staff. What will it take for the legislators to make meaningful change to improve safety? Do we need a staff member to be stabbed to death for this to occur?" - stated Kenny Gold, Western Region Vice President.