



Officers Injured at Green Haven Correctional Facility

Three Officers Transported to Local Hospital for Injuries

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Stormville, NY – Seven officers were injured in two separate inmate assaults on Monday at the maximum-security correctional facility with three officers needing additional treatment at Putnam and Vasser’s Brothers Hospitals.

The first incident occurred in the dayroom of the facility. An inmate ran over to a female officer at the officer’s station and began punching her in the face. The officer called for a response. A second officer responded and grabbed the inmate in a body hold and pulled him away from the injured officer. A second inmate ran over to the assault and began striking the inmate. Additional staff arrived and grabbed the inmate and pulled him away. Two other inmates in the dayroom attempted to attack the first inmate but were unsuccessful when staff intervened.

When additional staff arrived, the inmates became compliant and were escorted out of the dayroom.

The female officer assaulted sustained swelling to her eye, laceration to her lip and a chipped tooth. She was transported to Putnam Hospital for additional treatment.

A second officer who responded to the assault, sustained a knee injury subduing one of the inmates. He was treated by medical staff at the facility and remained on duty.

The second assault occurred during inmate movement at the prison when two inmates began arguing and one inmate picked up an empty milk crate and threw it at the other inmate, missing him. The inmate was ordered to the wall by an officer and initially he complied. He suddenly came off the wall aggressively and was put in a body hold and forced to the ground by two officers. On the ground and still combative, he struck both officers in the facial area. Additional officers responded and assisted in applying leg restraints as the inmate continued to fight. Once in

restraints and handcuffs, the inmate was brought to his feet and escorted to a holding cell in the Residential Rehabilitation Unit (RRU).

The two officers assaulted sustained multiple abrasions and knee injuries. They were treated by medical staff at the facility and transported to Vassar Brother's Hospital for additional treatment and did not return to duty.

Three officers who responded to the incident were treated for head, foot and abrasions at the facility and remained on duty.

The inmate, 39, is serving a 20 year to life sentence after being convicted in Albany County in 2016 for Manslaughter 1st. He was convicted of stabbing another Albany man to death in 2015.

"Even with several months of suspended programming and limited inmate movement in state prisons, the number of assaults on staff and inmate on inmate assaults are trending close to last year's record numbers. It clearly indicates that the violence has not declined and will continue at historic levels in 2026 unless significant changes to the HALT Act and current disciplinary system are made. Three officers in one day treated at local hospitals for their injuries who could not return to duty, creating more staffing deficits to a workforce that is already struggling to keep up. This is not a system that is sustainable and unless significant changes are made by the State Legislature, staff will continue to leave through retirement or looking outside of corrections and choosing to find a safer line of work." - stated Joe Horacek, NYSCOPBA Mid-Hudson Region Vice President.