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Mid – State Inmate Attacks Sergeant, Officer at Hospital

Attack Occurred as Staff Attempted to Transport Inmate Back to Facility

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Marcy , NY – On February 3, shortly after midnight, a 30-year-old inmate from Mid-State Correctional Facility attacked and injured two correctional officers while being transported from Wynn Hospital following minor surgery.

The inmate had been discharged from the hospital after the procedure. A sergeant was initially observing the transport process, which was being carried out by two officers. The inmate was seated in a chair, restrained with handcuffs, a waist chain, and a black restraint box. As one officer went to retrieve the transport van, the inmate suddenly jumped up from his chair, striking the sergeant in the face with the restraints. The inmate then turned toward the officer in the room, striking him with the waist chain, and fled the hospital room. The officer chased the inmate into the hallway.

Once in the hallway, the inmate continued to threaten both officers with violence and refused all orders to stop. The sergeant attempted to regain control by grabbing the inmate's knees and forced him to the ground, despite being struck in the back of the head by the waist chain. The inmate thrashed on the floor, combative, but with the assistance of the officer, he was brought to his feet and forced back into the hospital room, where he continued swinging the waist chain, striking the officer in the head.

Hospital staff responded with a wheelchair, and the inmate was secured, transported to the van, and returned to the facility under control.

The sergeant sustained a contusion to the back of his head, along with injuries to his shoulder and neck. The officer sustained injuries to his hand, shoulder, and elbow. Both were treated by medical staff at the prison and remained on duty.

The inmate is currently serving an 11-to-13-year sentence following his 2023 conviction in Monroe County for Robbery in the First Degree and Assault in the Second Degree. Prior to this, he was arrested in 2015 for Kidnapping in the Second Degree and Grand Larceny in the Fourth Degree after stealing a car with a five-year-old child inside. He later abandoned the car, and fortunately, the child was unharmed.

Bryan Hluska, Central Region Vice President, commented, "Assaults on staff do not only happen inside the facilities—they can occur in hospitals or during escorts to court appearances. Fortunately, staff consistently demonstrate exceptional vigilance in addressing the ongoing threat of violence. This assault not only injured two officers but also put hospital staff at serious risk. The unfortunate reality is that the inmate, who is already serving a sentence for violent offenses, will likely face no severe consequences upon returning to the prison. This serves as another example of the failed policies under the HALT Act."