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Officer Stabbed Multiple Times by Inmate at Auburn Correctional Facility

Four Officers Injured Subduing Inmate After Attack

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Auburn, NY — A 49-year-old inmate serving a 20 years-to-life sentence attacked a correctional officer at the maximum-security facility on **Monday, March 2**, punching him in the face and stabbing him with a makeshift ice pick-type weapon. The assault left one officer with three puncture wounds and resulted in injuries to four other officers who responded to the attack.

The incident began when the inmate was let out of his cell for the evening meal. After walking past an officer monitoring inmate movement, the inmate suddenly turned around, punched the officer twice in the left side of the face, and stabbed him in the upper left arm and twice in his upper back. Following the attack, the inmate fled down the cell block, where he eventually laid down on the floor as emergency response was initiated. Initially

compliant, the inmate was handcuffed and escorted off the cell block. However, during the escort, he became combative, kicking at staff and striking one officer in the knee. To regain control, officers applied leg restraints. Despite continued resistance, the inmate was eventually placed on a stretcher for escort to the frisk room.

In the frisk room, while being searched for contraband, the inmate reached into his waistband, prompting officers to take further action to maintain control. After additional force was necessary, the inmate was restrained, and handcuffs were applied. He was then transported to the infirmary for evaluation and later placed in a Special Housing Unit pending transfer to Five Points Correctional Facility.

The five injured officers were treated by medical staff at the facility. Four officers sustained injuries to their knee, hand, shoulder, and thumb, but remained on duty. The officer initially attacked was taken to Auburn Community Hospital, where he was treated for a puncture wound to his upper arm, two puncture wounds to his upper back, a swollen jaw, and injured ribs.

A sharpened piece of metal with a taped handle, used in the stabbing, was recovered from the floor.

The inmate, who was convicted in 2013 in Westchester County for Assault 1st, Criminal Possession of a Weapon 3rd, and Assault 2nd, is serving a 20-to-life sentence. In 2013 he walked into a Yonkers store, argued with an employee, and slashed the employee's face, permanently disfiguring him. The victim was cut from the corner of his mouth across his upper cheek.

"This recent attack comes less than two weeks after the vicious assault on an officer and civilian instructor at Lakeview," stated Kenny Gold, NYSCOPBA Western Region Vice President. "This is a clear example of the dangers staff face when dealing with inmates who pose a serious threat to safety. The officer stabbed will thankfully physically recover from his injuries, but he easily could have been killed in the attack. This inmate just had an infraction on February 28th and due to the HALT Act he was not in an area safer for the employees and other inmates alike. HALT has made it impossible to maintain control and discipline in correctional facilities and the lawmakers cannot implement the recommendations from the HALT Committee fast enough! Despite his transfer to another maximum-security prison, this inmate will be returned to general population soon because of this law, continuing to pose a threat to both staff and fellow inmates.