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Urine Throwing Incident, Inmate Assault Occur at Wallkill Correctional Facility

One Officer Bit in Forearm, Two Officers and National Guardsman Have Urine Thrown on Them

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Wallkill , NY – In two separate incidents at the medium-security correctional facility, multiple staff members were assaulted by an inmate.

On Thursday, February 27, an officer and a National Guardsman were standing near the cell door of an inmate on personal watch when the inmate used a paper cup to throw urine through the door, striking both men in the upper body and legs. Five minutes later, the inmate repeated the act, throwing urine at a second officer. A response team was called, and the two officers and guardsman were treated for exposure at the medical facility.

The inmate, 47, is serving a 23-year sentence for Robbery 1st and Robbery 2nd, having been convicted in Kings County in 2010. He was later removed from his cell, transferred to Shawangunk Correctional Facility, and placed in a Special Housing Unit. All staff involved remained on duty.

On Wednesday, March 4, an officer conducting security rounds discovered an inmate unresponsive on the floor but breathing. A medical response was initiated. Once additional staff arrived and the inmate was being placed in a wheelchair for transport, he became combative and attempted to strike one of the officers. During the escort to the infirmary, the inmate bit one officer on the forearm, breaking the skin. At the infirmary, the inmate elbowed a nurse and spit on her. He also spit on another officer before being brought under control. The officer who was bitten was treated and sought further treatment at an urgent care facility. A second officer sustained wrist and hand injuries while subduing the inmate but continued on duty. The nurse was unharmed.

The inmate, serving a seven-year sentence for Attempted Criminal Possession of a Weapon 2nd and Reckless Endangerment 1st, was transferred to a Special Housing Unit at Shawangunk Correctional Facility.

“Weak disciplinary systems and the absence of meaningful consequences for bad behavior often result in continued and escalating misconduct,” **said Joe Horacek, Mid-Hudson Region Vice President.** “Inmates recognize that there is little accountability for their violent actions. The HALT Act has fostered an environment that undermines the safety of both staff and law-abiding inmates. Until the legislature seriously considers the recommendations made by the HALT Committee, incidents like these will persist. Throwing incidents not only put the health of our members at risk but also highlight a work environment that fails to prioritize the safety of the men and women who serve inside these prisons every day.”