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Officers Injured Rescuing Inmate from Suicide Attempt at Albion Correctional Facility

Staff Exposed to Blood During Incident

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Albion , NY — On Friday, March 27, five officers were exposed to significant bloodborne pathogens, and two sustained injuries while responding to an inmate at the female prison medical unit who had attempted suicide. The inmate had cut themselves multiple times and tied a sheet around their neck, attaching it to a handicap rail.

The situation unfolded when an officer not assigned to the medical unit discovered the inmate with the sheet tied around the neck. Upon requesting immediate backup, additional officers arrived, and the inmate's cell was opened. The officers found that the inmate was also cutting herself with a piece of metal pried from a junction box. They immediately applied body holds while one officer removed the sheet from the rail.

The inmate began to resist, struggling on the floor as officers restrained ankles to prevent further kicking. After gaining control, officers were able to safely remove the sheet from the neck. However, while still on the floor, the inmate became agitated and began spitting blood. One officer noticed heavy bleeding from the wrist. He notified the nurse to apply a tourniquet to slow the bleeding. A spit net was applied, and the incarcerated was transported by ambulance to a hospital for treatment of multiple lacerations to her forearm, wrist, thigh, and neck.

The five officers involved in the response were treated at the facility for blood exposure, with one officer sustaining blood in the eyes. Two of the officers also suffered shoulder and knee injuries while subduing the inmate. Four officers did not return to duty and sought additional treatment at Erie County Medical Center.

The inmate, 28, is serving a one-to-three-year sentence for Robbery in the third degree, following a conviction in Orange County in 2025. This marks the second incarceration in state prison.

Kenny Gold, Vice President of the Western Region, stated, "Correction officers daily face constant risks to their health and safety. In this instance, the officers likely saved the inmate's life, but they did so at significant risk to their own health. These are the daily realities our officers face, yet they continue to perform their duties with professionalism and commitment with no fanfare for the extraordinary work. I commend the life changing actions the members involved took that day at Albion. Without them things may have been drastically worse!"