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Convicted Murderer Stabs Female Officer in Attack at Coxsackie Correctional Facility

Second Officer Sustains Concussion and Broken Nose Coming to Her Aid

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Coxsackie , NY — A 48-year-old convicted murderer, serving 15 years to life sentence, viciously attacked and stabbed a female officer with a broken pen multiple times in the mess hall of a maximum-security correctional facility on Monday, March 30.

The assault occurred when the officer was walking to the serving line to relieve another officer. As she passed the inmate, he suddenly approached her from behind, brandishing an object, and began making stabbing motions toward her face. He then punched her in the face, knocking her to the ground. The officer being relieved, immediately responded, grabbing the inmate in a body hold. While in the body hold, the inmate began punching the officer in the face and head, causing him to fall to the ground. The officer attempted to rise but was punched again by the inmate.

A third officer arrived and used his baton to push it against the inmate’s chest. Despite this, the inmate punched the officer in the face before being forced to the mess hall wall. Two additional officers arrived and assisted in bringing the inmate to the floor. While on the floor, the inmate placed his arms underneath his body and refused to comply with orders to place his hands behind his back, continuing to resist. The officers eventually succeeded in forcing his arms out and applied handcuffs. He was then brought to his feet and escorted out of the mess hall.

While being escorted to the medical facility, the inmate became combative twice, refusing to walk. On both occasions, officers had to force him to the ground to regain control. Additional staff arrived and helped carry the non-compliant inmate to the medical facility. Once there, the inmate was placed in an exam room, and his handcuffs were removed so he could be frisked for weapons. During the frisk, he attempted to reach into his boxer shorts, prompting officers to place him in body holds and force him back to the floor, where they applied handcuffs once again. After being secured, the inmate became compliant.

Once the situation was under control, all injured staff were examined by medical personnel. The female officer sustained a laceration to her forehead and nose. The initial officer who responded suffered a contusion to his head, a laceration to his lips and head, a broken nose, a broken pinky, and a concussion. Both officers were transported to Albany Medical Center for further treatment. Several other officers who assisted in subduing the inmate sustained injuries to their feet, knees, backs, necks, hips, groins, and wrists. They were treated at the facility and remained on duty.

The broken pen believed to have been used in the attack was recovered near the scene of the assault.

The inmate was convicted in 2018 in Bronx County for the brutal beating death of his aunt in 2016. At the time of the murder, his aunt, a retired nurse, had taken the recent parolee into her home to live with her.

“The viciousness of this attack cannot be overstated. One officer was stabbed, a second sustained a broken nose and concussion, and several others were injured while responding to this brutal assault—all at the hands of one inmate. This paints a clear picture of the workplace environment our members face daily. The inmate, a four-time felon who brutally murdered his elderly aunt, is eligible for parole in just five years. It is incomprehensible that such an individual should ever be allowed back into society. If this isn't a glaring example of the failure of the HALT Act to provide proper discipline to deter these kinds of attacks, I don't know what is!" said Joe Horacek, Mid-Hudson Region Vice President.