



**New York State Correctional Officers
& Police Benevolent Association, Inc.**
“Keeping New York Safe”

Inmate Attacks and Injures Six Officers at Attica Correctional Facility

Same Inmate Viciously Attacked Officer and Counselor at Lakeview Shock Incarceration in February

For Immediate Release

April 16, 2026

Attica, NY - A 34-year-old inmate, who previously launched a brutal attack on a civilian counselor and a correction officer at Lakeview Correctional Facility less than two months ago, assaulted and injured six officers at Attica Correctional Facility yesterday morning.

The incident began at approximately 9:02a.m. when an officer assigned to one of the program rooms observed two inmates arguing and attempting to fight. A sergeant responded to de-escalate the situation. After the altercation was brought under control, one of the inmates involved was escorted from the classroom to be placed in another room. During the escort, a 34-year-old inmate not involved in the original incident, seated in a restart chair, suddenly sucker punched one of the officers in the face, causing him to stumble backward. A second officer immediately responded and attempted to place the inmate in a body hold. The inmate resisted, punching the officer multiple times in the upper body.

A sergeant on the scene ordered the inmate to stop, but when another officer moved to apply handcuffs, the inmate punched him in the midsection. Three additional officers responded, attempting to subdue the inmate as he violently struggled. A total of seven officers and a National Guardsman were eventually able to force the inmate into a body hold, securing his arms behind his back and applying handcuffs. Once handcuffed, the force ceased, and the inmate was escorted to the infirmary for evaluation before being returned to his cell in the Residential Rehabilitation Unit (RRU).

Following the incident, all involved staff received medical treatment. Six officers sustained injuries, including to their face, neck, back, hands, shoulders, knees, and legs. The officer who was initially assaulted sustained facial and neck injuries and was transported to Erie County Medical Center for further treatment. He did not return to duty and still is out of work due to his injuries. The other five officers remained on duty.

This incident follows a similar attack in February when the same inmate, while incarcerated at Lakeview Shock Incarceration, brutally assaulted an officer and civilian counselor in a classroom. The attack began when the inmate, initially seated, suddenly sprang up and approached the counselor, striking her repeatedly in the face and head. As the counselor attempted to retreat, the inmate continued the assault, causing her to fall and strike her head on a metal desk before collapsing to the floor. The officer outside the classroom immediately called for backup as the counselor fought back, kicking the inmate in the legs and groin to defend herself. The counselor sustained injuries to her jaw, neck, and head, while the officer suffered swelling and pain in the back of his head. Both were transported to Westfield Hospital, the officer was diagnosed with a concussion, and the civilian counselor hasn't returned to the facility.

The inmate was convicted of Attempted Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the 3rd Degree in Niagara County in 2024.

“It is ironic that this same inmate, who viciously attacked an officer and counselor at Lakeview Shock, who was also involved in an inmate-on-inmate altercation prior to that incident at the beginning of February, is still housed in a Residential Rehabilitation Unit which was created due to the HALT Act,” stated Kenny Gold, NYSCOPBA Western Region

Vice President. "Clearly, there is no rehabilitating this inmate. His continued violent behavior towards staff shows the failure of the current system. Had the HALT committee's recommendations been implemented, none of these incidents would've happened and would've immediately made the prisons safer for all employees and the inmates alike. There is no better example of recidivist behavior than these assaults. Had he simply been restrained, employees and other inmates would've been safer. There are no effective disciplinary measures to deter violent inmates like this one, leaving our members to endure attacks with little to no repercussions. This inmate, serving a seven-year sentence, shows a complete disregard for the rules, and should not be allowed to re-enter society anytime in the near future. Legislators who are neglecting to enact the recommendations of the HALT Committee fail to understand the daily violence our members face, or they simply do not care. This needs to become a priority to the legislators, anything else is a slap in the face to the men and women who protect them every day."