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***Two Inmates Attack and Injure Three Inmates at Mid-State Correctional Facility***

*Investigation Determines Unprovoked Attack Occurred Over Drugs*

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**Marcy , NY** – On April 15, a violent altercation occurred at a medium security correctional facility, leaving three inmates injured. The incident began when one inmate, after being asked by a fellow inmate to stop smoking contraband outside his dorm room, responded with threats of violence. The inmate subsequently retrieved another inmate and returned to assault the victim. The two assailants pulled the victim out of view of the dorm officer and began to repeatedly punch him. During the attack, they displayed a metal shank and threatened to use it against him.

Following the initial assault, the two assailants proceeded to the dorm rooms of two other inmates. They struck both victims with a metal lock wrapped in a sock and again displayed the metal shank, threatening further harm. After the attacks, all three victims sought medical attention. Two of the victims were treated for bruising and abrasions, while the third, who sustained a head laceration, was transported to a local hospital for further treatment.

Upon questioning, all three victims identified the assailants, who were both gang members within the facility. The attacks were linked to drug-related disputes.

Following the assaults, both assailants were placed in Special Housing pending disciplinary action. The investigation confirmed that the inmates were members of an internal gang, and the altercations were tied to illicit drug activities.

In a separate discovery, staff found 24 grams of tobacco, believed to be saturated with an unknown substance, and a piece of saturated paper in the personal property of an inmate recently admitted to Special Housing. The tobacco, wrapped in cellophane, was concealed in the inmate's sock, and the paper was hidden inside his Bible.

**Bryan Hluska, Central Region Vice President, commented on the incident:**

“The challenges staff face daily are significant. Even inmates who follow the rules can become targets for violence, as we saw in this case. Under the current HALT Act, the two assailants responsible for these attacks will likely serve only a brief period in Special Housing, which raises the risk of future retaliation. The HALT Act has created a more dangerous environment, not only for correctional staff but for rule-abiding inmates as well. Until the State Legislature addresses these concerns and implements the recommendations put forth by the HALT Committee, incidents like this will continue.”