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Multiple Officers Injured at Mid-State Correctional Facility

Inmate Causes Disturbance in Mess Hall, Fights with Staff as other Inmates Hurl Liquid at Staff

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Marcy , NY — A 29-year-old inmate, who could be released as early as tomorrow, caused a disturbance inside the mess hall last weekend and engaged in a violent confrontation with officers attempting to restore order.

On Saturday, April 25, the inmate became irate in the mess hall, screaming and threatening both a sergeant and an officer. Ignoring multiple orders to leave the area, staff attempted to remove him. As they approached, the inmate tried to spit on them and raised his food tray as if to throw it at the officers. One officer knocked the tray from his hands, restrained him with a body hold, and brought him to the ground. While on the floor, the inmate continued to attempt to spit on staff. During the altercation, other inmates threw milk and juice at the officers, striking them. Once subdued, the inmate was handcuffed, though he refused to cooperate and had to be carried out of the mess hall and transported to a van.

Following the incident, four officers were treated for injuries sustained during the struggle, including knee, shoulder, leg, and back injuries. They were treated by medical staff and were able to return to duty. The inmate is serving a two-year sentence for Assault in the 2nd Degree, following a conviction in Broome County in 2022. He was paroled in 2024 but was returned to prison after violating parole.

Bryan Hluska, Vice President of the Central Region, stated: "It is absolutely outrageous and inconceivable that an inmate just days from release would recklessly spit on staff and launch a physical attack on officers. This doesn't surprise any NYSCOPBA member because we know there are weak consequences for that type of behavior. The situation became extremely dangerous when other inmates joined in, hurling objects at staff and creating a volatile, potentially deadly situation. These are the exact life-threatening situations our members confront daily while trying to maintain order, with their safety constantly sacrificed due to the reckless HALT legislation.

This kind of blatant violence and chaos would never be tolerated without immediate, severe consequences or policy change in any other workplace, yet correction officers are expected to endure it with their hands tied. Progressive legislators, who shamelessly cater to inmate advocates over the safety of hardworking men and women who protect the public, are directly endangering lives through their gross negligence. They must stop playing politics with officers' lives, put safety first, and drastically revise the disastrous HALT legislation immediately before more staff are seriously injured.