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**Four Officers Injured at Five Points Correctional Facility**

*Two Officers Taken to Local Hospital for Treatment*

**For Immediate Release**

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**Romulus , NY** — A 27-year-old inmate, incarcerated for the second time in three years, assaulted and injured four officers outside the mess hall following a failed pat frisk for contraband at the maximum-security correctional facility.

On May 6, during the morning meal, an officer ordered the inmate to submit to a pat frisk. As the officer approached, the inmate turned suddenly and punched him in the head. A second officer arriving on the scene was struck multiple times in the face. With the assistance of a third officer, the two officers were able to place the inmate in a body hold and force him to the ground. Despite additional staff arriving, the inmate continued to resist, kicking at officers. After a brief struggle, officers were able to apply handcuffs, the inmate was still combative and kicking. Once the inmate became compliant, was brought to his feet, and escorted to the Special Housing Unit.

The four officers sustained injuries to the eye, face, arm, jaw, shoulder, and wrist. All were treated by facility medical staff. One officer required additional treatment at Geneva Hospital for shoulder and wrist injuries, while the remaining officers were able to continue on duty.

The inmate is serving an eight-year sentence following a 2025 conviction in Richmond County for Attempted Robbery in the First Degree. He was previously sentenced in 2022 in Queens County for two counts of Attempted Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the Second Degree.

This mess hall incident follows another violent encounter on April 28, when an officer was transported to an outside hospital after a cell extraction. During that incident, the inmate initially refused to exit his cell. Chemical agents were deployed without effect. A five-officer extraction team entered the cell, at which point the inmate charged at the first officer with a protective shield, then struck another officer in the face while being forced against the back wall. After body holds and being taken to the floor, the inmate remained combative until handcuffs and leg restraints were applied, ending the incident. The injured officer sustained elbow and facial injuries.

“Five officers in total were injured at Five Points in two separate inmate attacks, with two requiring hospital treatment. In addition to the mess hall incident, staff conducted three cell extractions of violent inmates who refused orders to exit their cells, each posing serious risk of injury. Any time officers enter a cell with a violent inmate in a confined environment of metal bars, concrete walls, and floors, injuries are likely,” stated Kenny Gold, Western Region Vice President. “This is just another example of the daily dangers staff face in prisons. The lack of effective disciplinary measures to prevent these incidents is glaring. Until the State Legislature implements the HALT Committee recommendations, our members will continue to be at significant risk daily of harm from inmates.”