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Inmates Injured During Fights at Mohawk Correctional Facility

Two Officers Also Injured by Inmate

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Rome , NY — Three inmates were injured in separate attacks involving multiple assailants armed with weapons, while two correction officers sustained injuries during a violent confrontation with an inmate at a medium security correction facility.

The first incident occurred inside a dormitory when a correction officer observed an inmate suffering from several lacerations to his face and body. An investigation determined the inmate had been attacked by multiple inmates and cut with an unknown weapon.

In a second incident, an inmate was assaulted by several inmates inside his cube and sustained multiple injuries, including a fractured nose. The victim was unable to identify those responsible for the attack.

The third assault also took place inside an inmate’s cube, where an inmate was cut multiple times with an unknown weapon by several inmates.

All three injured inmates received medical treatment at the facility. One inmate required additional treatment at an outside hospital.

In a separate incident, two correction officers suffered elbow and wrist injuries when an agitated inmate attempted to assault staff inside a facility dorm. After the inmate ignored verbal commands and continued his aggressive behavior, OC spray was deployed but

proved ineffective. Officers then utilized body holds to bring the combative inmate to the ground and secure him in handcuffs. Once the inmate was restrained, all use of force ceased.

In addition to these incidents, correction officers responded to and broke up another inmate-on-inmate altercation involving a broom used as a weapon and recovered a sharpened toothbrush from an inmate's cube.

"These incidents demonstrate the dangers correction officers face every day while maintaining the safety and security of our facilities," said Bryan Hluska, Central Region Vice President. "Our members are constantly exposed to violence, inmate fights, and dangerous contraband. Their safety is jeopardized every time they respond to these incidents. The unfortunate reality is that because of the HALT Act, there are limited disciplinary consequences for inmates who assault staff or other inmates. Many inmates understand there is little deterrent to engaging in violent behavior." Regardless, correction officers continue to perform their duties under increasingly challenging conditions while working to protect staff, inmates, and the public.