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Nurse, Officers Injured at Elmira Correctional Facility

Nurse Sustains Fractured Shoulder When Inmate Grabs Arm, Pulls into Cell

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Elmira , NY – A registered nurse suffered a fractured shoulder after being assaulted by an inmate while dispensing medication at Elmira Correctional Facility. Two correction officers and a sergeant were also injured during the subsequent extraction of the inmate from his cell.

On Tuesday, June 16, the nurse, accompanied by a National Guard member, was distributing medication through a cell door hatch when a 41-year-old inmate suddenly grabbed her arm and violently pulled it into the cell. Despite repeated orders to release her arm, the inmate maintained his grip. With assistance from the National Guard member, the nurse was eventually able to free herself.

As the nurse and National Guard member exited the cell block, the inmate threw liquid from a paper cup, striking the nurse in the face, body, and back.

The nurse was immediately escorted to the facility infirmary, and a staff response was initiated. Five correction officers and a sergeant responded to the inmate's cell. After the inmate repeatedly refused orders to exit the cell, chemical agents were introduced with no effect.

The cell door was then opened and officers entered the cell. The lead officer, equipped with a shield, forced the inmate backward onto his bed. Officers secured the inmate and escorted him from the cell for decontamination.

The nurse was treated at the facility for abrasions to her arm, swelling to her hand, and a small laceration to her forearm before being transported to Guthrie Corning Hospital. Medical staff later determined she had sustained a fractured shoulder during the assault.

Two correction officers and a sergeant suffered back, knee, hip, and hand injuries during the extraction. All three were treated by facility medical staff and remained on duty.

The inmate is currently serving a sentence of 20 years to life following a 2025 conviction in Monroe County for Robbery 2nd Degree. He previously served a 12-year sentence after a 2010 conviction for Robbery 1st Degree.

“A simple routine of delivering medication to inmates is not a simple task anymore. At any moment, staff can be attacked by violent inmates even while performing the most mundane duties, and this is exactly what happened at Elmira. It resulted in a nurse sustaining a fractured shoulder and two officers and a sergeant being injured as well,” said Kenny Gold, Western Region Vice President.

“It cannot be stated enough that the lack of meaningful discipline resulting from the HALT Act has put targets on the backs of officers and civilian staff. Not only are our members being attacked, but nurses and counselors have become prey as well. As we enter the summer months and State Legislators have left Albany, our members are still left with little or no protection from repeated attacks by inmates who have no regard for order inside our prisons. That responsibility rests squarely on the shoulders of those legislators who pushed

for the HALT Act legislation. They now need to enact the HALT committee's recommendations to make it safer for all employees and inmates alike! It's their duty to protect us just as we protect members of our communities every day."