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More Contraband Recovered at Mid-State Correctional Facility

Inmate Also Cut by Gang Members at Facility

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Marcy , NY — Correction officers recovered a ceramic weapon, drug-soaked paper, and cell phone charging equipment during a targeted cell search and later responded to a violent gang assault that left an inmate injured and two staff members hurt while apprehending one of the assailants.

On Thursday, June 18, staff were preparing to conduct a search of an inmate's cell when the inmate ran into the recreation pen and threw two black socks into an adjoining cell occupied by another inmate.

During the search, officers recovered a white ceramic blade with a black tape handle, a cell phone charging cord, and a charging block that had been concealed inside two deodorant containers. The contraband was secured as evidence.

Staff immediately searched the adjoining cell. During a pat frisk, a National Guard member detected a bulge inside the inmate's shorts. The inmate voluntarily surrendered two sheets of sprayed paper and approximately 25 grams of suspected drug-stained rolling papers.

Both inmates were issued disciplinary charges in connection with the incident.

In a separate incident last Wednesday, an inmate ran to the officer's desk in one of the facility's dorms suffering from visible facial injuries and bleeding. An investigation determined the inmate had been attacked by three gang-affiliated inmates after informing them he no longer wanted to be associated with the gang once he was released from prison.

The three inmates confronted the victim on an outside walkway armed with makeshift weapons and slashed him in the face. Staff witnessed the assault and immediately responded. As officers moved in, the three inmates threw their weapons over the facility's perimeter fence before they were apprehended.

During the investigation, one of the inmates refused repeated orders to submit to handcuffs and actively resisted staff. Officers were forced to take the inmate to the ground in order to regain control and secure him in restraints. During the struggle, a sergeant sustained a knee injury, and an officer suffered a wrist injury.

The injured inmate was treated for his injuries, while the injured staff members received medical treatment. All inmates involved face disciplinary action.

"These two incidents are another reminder that correction officers are dealing with two of the biggest threats inside our prisons every single day—dangerous contraband and organized gang violence. Staff recovered a ceramic weapon, drug-soaked paper, and cell phone charging equipment that have no place inside a correctional facility. At the same time, officers had to respond to a gang assault in which an inmate was slashed with makeshift weapons simply because he wanted to leave the gang lifestyle behind.

One of those suspected attackers chose to fight officers instead of complying with orders, resulting in injuries to a sergeant and an officer. These are the dangers our members willingly face every shift. Their professionalism and quick response prevented these situations from becoming even more violent. Until meaningful steps are taken to reduce the flow of contraband into our facilities and hold violent inmates accountable for assaulting staff and other inmates, these dangerous incidents will continue to put everyone inside our correctional facilities at risk." – stated Bryan Hluska, Central Region Vice President.