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Six Officers Injured by Inmate at Collins Correctional Facility

One Officer Sustains Broken Nose

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Collins , NY — Six correction officers were injured after a violent inmate charged out of his cell and attacked staff at a medium security correctional facility, sending all six officers to a local hospital for treatment.

On Saturday, July 11, an officer conducting routine security rounds observed that an inmate had covered the window of his cell door, preventing staff from visually confirming his condition. After repeated verbal attempts to make contact with the inmate were unsuccessful, a response team was assembled and additional staff responded to the cell.

Following several more unsuccessful attempts to gain the inmate's compliance, staff opened the cell door. As soon as the door opened, the inmate rushed out of the cell and violently attacked responding officers in an apparent attempt to fight his way free. The inmate repeatedly threw punches at staff, striking several officers.

Officers administered OC spray multiple times in an effort to gain compliance, but the inmate continued his assault with no apparent effect. Staff then utilized body holds to bring the inmate to the ground. Even while on the ground, the inmate continued to punch and kick officers until staff were finally able to secure him in handcuffs and leg restraints.

Once the inmate was fully restrained, all use of force ceased. He was removed from the cell block and transported to a holding pen where he was decontaminated.

The six injured officers were initially evaluated and treated by facility medical staff for injuries that included facial injuries, a broken nose, and injuries to their arms, hands, wrists, knees, ankles, elbows, and shoulders. All six officers were transported to Bertrand Chaffee Hospital for further evaluation and treatment. X-rays confirmed that one officer suffered a broken nose. All six officers were treated and released.

The inmate, 31, is serving a 21-year sentence after being convicted in Queens County for Assault 1st and 2nd, and Robbery 1st and 2nd after being convicted in 2023 for a brutal gang attack on a rival gang while incarcerated at Rikers Island.

Kenny Gold, NYSCOPBA Western Region Vice President stated – “Six correction officers were injured simply trying to perform a basic security check, for the inmate’s well-being, after he refused repeated orders to respond. Instead of complying, this inmate launched a violent assault that left six officers with injuries serious enough to require hospital treatment, including one officer who suffered a broken nose. Even after multiple applications of OC spray, the inmate continued to punch and kick staff until he was finally restrained.

These are the dangerous and unpredictable conditions our members face every day. A routine security round can turn into a violent confrontation in seconds. Our officers responded professionally, used the appropriate amount of force necessary to bring the situation under control, and prevented what could have been an even more serious incident. Every assault on a correction officer must be met with swift and meaningful criminal prosecution. Our members deserve to know that those who attack them will be held fully accountable, especially when attempting to help the inmates themselves as we continue to perform one of the most difficult jobs in New York State."