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Gang-Related Inmate Fight at Greene Correctional Facility Leaves Officer Slashed with Makeshift Weapon

Three Homemade Weapons Recovered

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Coxsackie, NY – A correction officer was slashed with a makeshift weapon, and another officer suffered a hip injury while responding to a large gang-related inmate fight at Greene Correctional Facility that resulted in the recovery of three homemade weapons.

The incident occurred when staff observed multiple inmates fighting on the walkway leading back to the facility's housing units. A response was immediately initiated and numerous correction officers responded to restore order.

As officers arrived, one inmate was observed swinging a wooden cane at other inmates. Officers deployed OC spray on several of the combatants, who then complied with orders and got on the ground.

During the response, one inmate attempted to flee from the walkway. Two officers quickly intercepted him and placed him in a body hold, forcing him to the ground. During the struggle, the inmate slashed one of the officers in the right forearm with a makeshift weapon before he was fully subdued.

Once order had been restored, staff conducted a thorough search of the area and recovered two metal shanks and one icepick-style weapon, which investigators believe was used to slash the officer.

All involved inmates were escorted to the facility infirmary to be decontaminated following the use of OC spray and evaluated for injuries.

One officer suffered a hip injury while subduing one of the inmates but was able to remain on duty. The officer who was slashed sustained a six-inch laceration to his right forearm and sought additional treatment at a local urgent care facility.

The subsequent investigation determined the disturbance was gang-related and that one inmate affiliated with the gang had been specifically targeted for assault.

The 21-year-old inmate who cut the officer was transferred to Cossack Correctional Facility. He is serving a seven-year sentence after being convicted in 2026 for Attempted Murder 2nd in the Bronx.

"This incident is another reminder of the constant danger correction officers face every day inside our prisons. What began as a gang assault quickly escalated into an armed confrontation involving multiple inmates and homemade weapons. Thanks to the swift and coordinated response by our officers, the violence was contained before it spread further. The recovery of three weapons, including the one believed to have been used to slash an officer, underscores the ongoing threat posed by dangerous contraband inside our facilities. Our members continue to put themselves in harm's way to protect each other, staff, and inmates, and they deserve safe working conditions, adequate staffing, and accountability for those who commit these violent attacks." – stated Joe Horacek, Mid-Hudson Region Vice President.

The incident remains under investigation, and disciplinary and criminal charges against the inmates involved are expected.