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Officer Assaulted with Feces at Mohawk Correctional Facility

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ROME, N.Y. — An officer at Mohawk Correctional Facility was assaulted with what appeared to be feces Monday while delivering food trays to inmates, resulting in the officer being transported to a local hospital for further medical treatment.

The incident occurred August 10 as the officer was delivering food trays to inmates. As he leaned down to place a food tray on the floor in front of an inmate's cell, the inmate made a comment to the officer and then threw a brown liquid containing chunks at him.

The substance struck the officer in his upper body, face, and mouth. Some of the foul-smelling material entered the officer's mouth.

The officer immediately stepped away from the cell and secured the unit's door. He was examined by facility medical staff, who observed reddening of his face and eyes, along with elevated blood pressure and heart rate. Medical staff determined that the exposure was significant.

The officer was administered medication to combat the effects of the exposure and was subsequently transported to Rome Medical Hospital for further evaluation and treatment.

The incident remains under investigation, and appropriate disciplinary and criminal charges should be pursued.

"This was a disgusting and completely unacceptable assault on an officer who was simply doing his job and delivering food to inmates," said Bryan Hluska, Central Region Vice

President. "No correction officer should have to worry about being assaulted with bodily waste while carrying out their responsibilities. No one knows the long-term health risks when an exposure like this occurs. It not only effects the officer it also can impact his family. Our officers deserve to be able to perform their jobs in a safe and secure environment."