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**CORRECTION OFFICER SERIOUSLY INJURED IN ASSAULT AT GOUVERNEUR
CORRECTIONAL FACILITY**

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GOUVERNEUR, NY — A correction officer was seriously injured after being assaulted by two inmates at Gouverneur Correctional Facility on August 26, 2026, according to an incident report.

The incident began inside a housing unit when the officer attempted to conduct a pat frisk of an inmate who was acting aggressively. During the encounter, another incarcerated individual grabbed the officer from behind. When the officer turned around, that inmate repeatedly struck him in the face. The officer was knocked down and believes he may have lost consciousness.

Responding staff arrived and found one of the inmates on the bathroom floor, with blood in the immediate area. The injured officer was nearby with blood and significant bruising to his face.

As staff attempted to secure one of the individuals involved, he became noncompliant and aggressive. Multiple officers were required to use physical force and mechanical restraints to gain control. During the subsequent escort to the infirmary, he again became aggressive, pushed backward against officers, and attempted to spit on one of them.

The injured officer was evaluated by facility medical staff. His injuries included right-side lower abdominal pain, swelling to the left jaw, a missing right front tooth, bleeding from the nose, multiple abrasions to his back, a left eye swollen shut, and apparent lacerations above and below the left eye. Because of the extent of his injuries, the officer was transported to an area hospital emergency room for further treatment. It was confirmed that he sustained broken ribs, broken teeth, a broken nose, his left eye swollen shut and lacerations to his face.

A second officer reported lower back pain following the incident but remained on duty. Other responding officers were evaluated by medical staff, and no injuries were reported at that time.

The investigation determined that one individual became combative and failed to follow staff direction before the second individual repeatedly struck the officer in the face. After the officer was knocked down and lost consciousness, the first individual joined the assault and struck him.

Bryan Hluska, NYSCOPBA Central Region Vice President, issued the following statement:

“This was a vicious and completely unacceptable attack on a correction officer who was simply doing his job. He was repeatedly struck in the face, suffered significant injuries, lost a tooth and may have been knocked unconscious. Another officer was injured while staff worked to regain control. This is the reality our members are facing inside New York’s correctional facilities.

Our officers continue to walk into increasingly dangerous environments and are expected to somehow maintain order while the system continues to tie their hands. There must be real consequences for incarcerated individuals who violently assault correction officers. These attacks cannot continue to be treated as simply part of the job.

Correction officers deserve to go to work knowing the State of New York will do everything possible to protect them and hold those who assault them accountable. How many more officers must be seriously injured before meaningful action is taken?”