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Multiple Sing Sing Officers Injured in Separate Violent Attacks

One Officer Slashed Several Times with Weapon

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OSSINING, NY — Multiple correctional officers were injured in separate violent incidents at Sing Sing Correctional Facility, including one officer who was repeatedly punched in the face and body and another who was slashed multiple times with a makeshift weapon at the maximum-security correctional facility.

The first incident occurred on August 16 when an officer approached an inmate's cell and ordered him to exit the cell and submit to a routine pat frisk. The inmate exited his cell but suddenly turned and punched the officer in the face. He continued the vicious assault, repeatedly striking the officer in the face and body and knocking him to the ground. The attack continued while the officer was on the ground.

A sergeant and another officer responded to the incident and used body holds to force the inmate to the ground before placing him in handcuffs. Once restrained, the inmate became compliant.

The injured officer was initially treated at the facility infirmary before being transported by ambulance to Westchester Medical Center. He sustained a laceration to his left eyebrow, abrasions to his scalp and forehead, and bruising to his eye, knee, and ribs.

The inmate, 32, who is serving a 40-year-to-life sentence for Manslaughter in the First Degree, was subsequently transferred to Green Haven Correctional Facility and placed in a Special Housing Unit. He was convicted in New York County in 2022 after he was arrested for stabbing his ex-girlfriend and her roommate to death.

A second violent incident occurred on August 29.

A female correctional officer conducting rounds after the afternoon meal, observed an inmate sitting inside another cell. She ordered him to return to his assigned cell and lock in. After initially refusing several direct orders, the inmate began walking toward his cell before abruptly turning around and pushing his way past the female officer. The individual continued down the cell block as additional officers responded. A second officer approached him and placed him in a body hold to gain control of the combative individual.

While in the body hold, the inmate began making repeated slashing motions at the officer with what appeared to be a makeshift weapon. Additional staff responded and assisted in forcing the individual to the ground, where he was placed in handcuffs and removed from the cell block.

All staff involved were initially treated at the facility infirmary. Two officers sustained wrist injuries. The officer who was slashed suffered lacerations to his back, shoulder, and arm, in addition to injuries to his wrist and knee. All three officers were transported to Phelps Memorial Hospital for further medical treatment.

Following the incident, staff conducted a search of the inmate's cell and recovered a sharpened metal shank. The weapon believed to have been used in the slashing attack was not recovered.

The inmate, 31, is serving 37 years to life sentence after being convicted in Queens County for Murder 2nd, Attempted Murder 2nd, and two counts of Assault 1st. He was arrested after he stabbed two men over an argument of a parking space and then jumped in his car, jumped the sidewalk and struck several of the men, including his friend who was killed.

"These two incidents are another disturbing reminder of the dangers correctional officers face every time they step onto a cell block," said NYSCOPBA Southern Region Vice President Kasey Harris. "These officers were carrying out basic security responsibilities when they were suddenly attacked. One officer was repeatedly punched and beaten after simply attempting to conduct a pat frisk, while another was slashed multiple times with a weapon during an effort to restrain a combative individual."

"Correctional officers should not have to wonder if a routine interaction with an inmate is going to end with them being assaulted or sent to a hospital. The level of violence our

members are facing is unacceptable, and it underscores the need for strong security measures, adequate staffing, and meaningful consequences for those who attack correctional staff.”