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**Officer Assaulted During Violent Incident at Mid-State Correctional Facility; Seven
Weapons Seized in Separate Search**

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Marcy, NY — Two separate incidents at Mid-State Correctional Facility resulted in an officer being assaulted and seven makeshift weapons being seized, further highlighting the dangers correctional staff face while working inside the state's prisons.

The first incident occurred on August 14 when an officer conducting routine rounds was approached by an inmate who reported that he had been attacked by another unknown inmate.

Staff immediately escorted the individual to the infirmary for evaluation. Medical staff determined he had sustained a 7.5-inch laceration to his lower back, along with swelling to his hand. An investigation determined that he had been cut with a weapon, although the weapon was not recovered. While being held in an infirmary room, the inmate became increasingly agitated and aggressive and overturned his bed. Staff removed him from the room and placed him in a holding room within the infirmary.

The individual continued to act aggressively. When an officer entered the room in an attempt to calm him, the inmate spit directly into the officer's face.

Staff then escorted him from the room and placed him inside a transport van. His aggressive behavior continued, and he kicked a sergeant in the leg. Officers and a National Guard member assisting at the facility intervened, placing the individual in body holds and

bringing him to the ground. He was removed from the transport van and escorted to the Special Housing Unit pending disciplinary charges.

“Correctional officers should not have to worry about being attacked, spit on or kicked simply for doing their jobs,” said NYSCOPBA Central Region Vice President Bryan Hluska. “This incident demonstrates the volatile situations our members can face in a matter of minutes. Staff responded professionally and worked together to bring the situation under control, but it is unacceptable that they continue to be placed in these dangerous circumstances.”

The second incident occurred on August 26 when a National Guard member conducting a routine cube frisk discovered seven pieces of sharpened metal concealed inside the insoles of an incarcerated individual’s sneakers. The makeshift weapons were confiscated and secured as evidence. The inmate was removed from his housing cube and placed in the Special Housing Unit pending disciplinary charges.

“The discovery of seven sharpened weapons is extremely troubling,” Hluska said. “These weapons could have been used to seriously injure or kill an officer or another inmate. Our members rely on thorough searches and the vigilance of staff to keep these weapons out of the hands of individuals who intend to use them.”