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## ***Officer Cut at Mid-State Correctional Facility***

### ***Attack Appears to be Gang Hit***

**Marcy , NY** – A preliminary investigation into an assault of a corrections officer at Mid-State Correctional Facility has determined that the officer was cut over the left eye and pushed head first into an office locker by a gang member in what appears to be a premediated attack.

The attack occurred on Sunday, July 3, at approximately 4:30 PM at the medium security correctional facility. Initially, officers responded to one of the housing dorms after the injured officer's personal alarm was pulled on his radio. When officers arrived at the dorm, they found the officer on his office floor, unresponsive, with a pool of blood near his head.

The injured officer, who has two years on the job, was treated at the scene and transported by ambulance to St. Elizabeth's Hospital. He was treated at the hospital for a deep laceration over his left eyebrow and a head injury. He received eight stitches to close the wound.

The investigation conducted so far determined that one inmate ordered a "hit" on the officer. The inmate enlisted another inmate to carry out the assault.

The inmate allegedly entered the officer's office on that Sunday afternoon. Initially the officer had his back turned. When he turned around, the inmate struck him in the face with an unknown weapon. The inmate then pushed the officer headfirst into the locker, knocking him to the ground.

The injured officer was on the ground for several minutes before another inmate entered the office and pulled his personal alarm.

The investigation determined that several other inmates acted as lookouts during the attack.

The alleged weapon used was an aluminum can top that had a pen handle and black electrical tape glued to it.

The inmates names are not being released at this time due to the on-going criminal investigation.

The inmate, who allegedly orchestrated the attack is 27 and is serving a five year sentence after being convicted for Assault 2<sup>nd</sup> and Criminal Possession of a Weapon 2<sup>nd</sup> in Kings County in 2015.

The alleged attacker is 31 and is serving a five year sentence after being convicted for Assault 1<sup>st</sup> in Queens County in 2014.

Both inmates, who are affiliated with the Bloods Gang, were placed in a Special Housing Unit pending the investigation.

The State Police are investigating the assault.

"This premeditated assault could have easily killed the officer. For no legitimate reason these gang members planned out a calculated assault on our member. It is our sincere hope that this vicious attack is prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law. As we have seen in recent weeks across this country, premeditated attacks are occurring against law enforcement with grave consequences. These are the men and women who protect all of us on a daily basis and more needs to be done to protect them", stated Paul Lashway, Central Region Vice President.

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