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ATTICA CORRECTIONAL FACILITY PLACED ON LOCKDOWN AFTER MULTIPLE VIOLENT ALTERCATIONS

Search For Illegal Contraband Ongoing

Attica, NY – As of Sunday, January 8th, the Attica Correctional Facility was placed on lockdown following a series of fights between prison inmates that included the use of illegal weapons.

The first incident occurred on January 7th at 2:20pm, when two inmates began a fight in the A Yard involving illegal weapons. The following day, a second fight, also involving the use of illegal weapons, occurred at 3:00pm, with eight men in the A Yard. Almost immediately following that altercation, there was another fight at 3:06 pm in C Yard involving 12 inmates, and two gas canisters were deployed to stop the growing violence. At roughly the same time – 3:10pm – two other altercations broke out in the D Yard, with one incident involving two men and the other a five-on-one fight involving illegal weapons. The most serious injury stemming from these multiple altercations occurred in the B Yard, with the stabbing of a prison inmate as the yard was closing.

As a result of the vicious assaults and growing threat of violence jeopardizing the safety of all inmates and staff, the Attica Correctional is now on lockdown and a search for weapons and other contraband is ongoing. There were no injuries to staff during the incidents.

“The lockdown at Attica is a clear example of the increasingly high levels of violence and dangerous weapons plaguing our prisons and threatening the safety of both inmates and staff,” said **Joe Miano, Vice President of the Western Region**. “This incident should serve as a stark reminder that we need better technology and more resources for proper training and equipment to help our officers stop this violence before it starts.”

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