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FOUR NEW ATTACKS ON CORRECTION OFFICERS SHOW GRAVE DANGER THEY FACE

Violent Attacks At Correctional Facilities At Five Points, Attica, And Clinton Leave A Trail Of Injured Officers

New York – Four separate attacks against Correction Officers occurred this week, leaving one officer severely injured and in the hospital. These four new incidents highlight the incredible dangers correction officers face at the hands of the most violent inmates in the history of the department.

At Five Points Correctional Facility, an inmate began to viciously assault a Correction Officer after refusing to follow orders and cooperate. The inmate delivered multiple blows to the officer's head and face. The assault continued until fellow Correction Officers were able to call for an emergency response. The officer was left with fractures to the face, a dislocated shoulder, and multiple contusions.

A second incident occurred at Attica, where an inmate destroyed a hospital room and became wildly violent while being extracted from the room. The inmate threw an unknown liquid, later identified as urine, on the Correction Officer.

The third attack, also at Attica, occurred as an inmate overdosed on suspected K-2. The inmate was escorted to the facility hospital for treatment where he became aggressive and vicious towards staff. The Correction Officers had to restrain the inmate before removing him for admission to an outside hospital.

In the fourth incident, an officer who was making security rounds discovered an inmate using drugs in the bathroom stall at Clinton Correctional Facility. After refusing to cooperate, the inmate charged the officer, struggling, shoving, and striking him repeatedly. Three other officers responded to the attack as the inmate fiercely refused to become compliant. Two small bursts of pepper spray were deployed to finally subdue the inmate, where mechanical restraints were used to gain control of the inmate's arms.

"These incidents are a stark reminder of the dangers our officers face every day. They risk their lives to protect the safety of fellow staff and inmates, and it's past time that the state stepped up to give our officers the additional tools and resources we need to make our prisons safer for those who work and live there. Our thoughts and prayers are with the injured officers and their families, and we wish them all a speedy and full recovery," said **NYSCOPBA Western Region VP Joe Miano and Northern Region VP Chris Hansen**.

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