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### ***Three Officers Injured During Attack at Orleans Correctional Facility***

#### ***Inmate Head-butts Officer After Incident In Visit Room***

**Albion , NY** - Three officers were injured after an inmate head-butted an officer following an incident in the visitors room at the medium correctional facility.

On Saturday, April 15, at approximately 2:30 PM, Inmate Adrian Phoenix got into an argument with his female visitor in the visitors' room. The argument escalated and became physical. Witnessed by two officers, the female visitor initially put her hands over Inmate Phoenix's mouth. He responded by pushing her back in her chest. The two continued to argue in the room, which was filled with other inmates and visitors.

The two officers assigned to the room escorted Inmate Phoenix out and brought him into a frisk area. Inmate Phoenix continued to be disruptive and agitated. He turned suddenly and head-butted one of the officers in the face.

Additional staff entered the area and used body holds on the inmate to gain control of him. He continued to struggle with the officers. Restraints were applied but the inmate continued to struggle and refused orders to calm down.

Eventually, after being ordered again to calm down, the inmate complied.

Inmate Phoenix, 27, was placed in a special housing unit. He faces disciplinary charges in the attack.

He is serving a six year sentence after being convicted in Onondaga County in 2011 for Criminal Sexual Act 2<sup>nd</sup>.

The officer who was head-butted was transported to Brockport Hospital by ambulance and treated for a concussion, swelling over his left eye, left knee abrasion, nose bleed and nausea. He was treated and released.

A second officer sustained left knee and lower back pain and was also transported to Brockport Hospital for treatment. Both officers have not returned to duty.

A third officer sustained a small laceration to his hand and minor abrasions to his arm. He stayed on duty.

“The visitors’ rooms in our correctional facilities continue to be problematic. Two visitors were arrested on April 2 trying to smuggle in drugs to inmates at Livingston Correctional Facility. The presence of K9 dogs thwarted both attempts by the visitors to pass the drugs on to the inmates. This past weekend, an argument in a packed visitors’ room between an inmate and a female visitor led to the assault of one officer and injuries to two others who attempted to gain control of the unruly inmate. Once again, this brings to light the need for the administration to make changes and hold inmates accountable when they attack officers, as well as stop the influx of contraband making its way into facilities”, stated Joe Miano, Western Region Vice President.

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