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Officers Injured at Fishkill and Green Haven Correctional Facilities

Two Inmates Assault Officers in Separate Attacks

Stormville, NY - Four officers were treated at local hospitals for injuries sustained in two separate attacks at Fishkill and Green Haven Correctional Facilities last week.

On Sunday, April 9, at 4:35 [AM](#) an officer was making routine rounds in a cell block at Green Haven Correctional Facility. An inmate, Dennis Mosley, was locked in his cell and called for the officer to come closer. He told the officer he had something to tell her and did not want the other inmates to hear. As the female officer got close to the cell, Inmate Mosley reached out through the bars and grabbed the officer's right arm and pulled her into the cell bars. The officer struck her head and arm on the cell bars. She managed to break free from the inmate's grasp and immediately fell backwards striking her head and arm on a table behind her.

Another officer on duty witnessed the assault and called for a response. Additional officers arrived at Inmate Mosley's cell. The inmate had a broken broom handle in his hand and a weighted cloth weapon in the other. He was given orders to drop both weapons. Inmate Mosley complied with the orders. Officers had to cut shoestrings that the inmate had tied to the cell door to prevent it from opening. Once the officers were able to get inside the cell they applied restraints on Inmate Mosley. He was removed from his cell and placed in a special housing unit.

The injured officer sustained abrasions and bruising to her face, arm and back of her head. She was transported to an outside hospital for treatment and released. She has not returned to duty.

Inmate Mosley, 32, is serving a 22 year to life sentence after being convicted for Murder 2nd in Oneida County in 2015. He was convicted of killing a 47 year old man in Utica in 2013.

The second assault occurred on Friday, April 14, at 1:35 PM at Fishkill Correctional Facility. Two officers were making routine rounds in a housing unit. Both officers entered the inmate bathroom and immediately smelled smoke coming from a bathroom stall. The officers ordered the inmate to exit the stall. The inmate, Luigi Bermeotal, was ordered to face the wall so the officers could frisk him for contraband. Inmate Bermeotal initially faced the wall. He reached into his left pocket and spun around suddenly and struck one of the officers in the face with a closed fist. Inmate Bermeotal grabbed the officer's shirt and continued to throw punches at the officer, striking him several more times in the face.

The second officer immediately grabbed the inmate around the waist and brought him to the floor as the inmate continued to fight. Inmate Bermeotal was able to punch the second officer several times in the neck and below the right eye during the struggle.

Three additional officers responded on the scene. One female officer attempted to gain control of the inmate's legs. Before she was able to get control, she was kicked in the neck and shoulder.

Two officers were able to get Inmate Bermeotal restrained on the ground and stop the attack. He was placed in restraints and removed from the bathroom.

The three injured officers were transported to Vassar Hospital for treatment. One officer was treated for facial contusions and bruising and swelling to his right hand and wrist. The second officer was treated for swelling to his face and pain in his wrist, shoulder and neck. The third officer, who was kicked, was treated for neck and shoulder pain. All three officers were released from the hospital. They remain off duty at this time.

Two additional officers were treated at the facility for minor injuries. They both remained on duty.

Inmate Bermeotal, 22, is serving a seven year sentence after being convicted in Westchester County in 2015 for two counts of Assault 2nd and Attempted Robbery 2nd. He was transferred to Green Haven and placed in a special housing unit.

"Two more violent attacks at our prisons in the Hudson Valley clearly show the violence and unprovoked attacks on staff have not declined to any measure. Our members continue to come to work each day and face some of the most adverse and dangerous conditions and do so without any recognition. The administration continues to sit idly by without making any significant changes that will reduce the violence. Until they accept that the current violence, both inmate on inmate and inmate on staff, is a consistent problem, these attacks will continue. We were very fortunate that the four officers, who needed treatment at outside hospitals, did not get more seriously injured ", stated Michael Mazzella , Mid-Hudson Region Vice President.

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