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Officer Sustains Fractured Jaw During Inmate Attack

Multiple Officers Hurt in Assault at Auburn Correctional Facility

Auburn , NY - A 28 year old inmate punched an officer in the face, temporarily knocking him unconscious and fracturing the left side of his jaw during an assault at Auburn Correctional Facility last Friday morning.

The incident occurred at approximately 9:32 AM. Two officers were escorting the inmate, whose name is not being released, from his cell to an office at the prison. During the escort, the inmate refused directions from the officers. A supervisor arrived on the scene and gave the inmate specific orders, which he refused to comply with.

One of the escort officers attempted to apply restraints on the inmate. The inmate drove his shoulder into the officer's chest to drive him back. The two officers grabbed the inmate in body holds and forced him to the ground. The inmate struggled violently and tried to break free.

A third officer arrived on the scene and applied pepper spray to the inmate's face and head. The application had no affect and he continued to struggle with the officers. The officers were able to get the inmate's wrists behind his back and into restraints.

Once in restraints, the inmate was escorted to the infirmary to be assessed and decontaminated from the pepper spray.

In the infirmary the restraints were taken off. With his restraints off, the inmate became violent again. He punched one officer in the left side of the face, knocking him to the ground unconscious. Several officers attempted to get the inmate under control as he fought violently with them. At one point during the struggle, he attempted to kick the unconscious officer who was lying on the floor.

It took several officers to get the inmate under control and into wrist and leg restraints. Once in restraints, he became compliant.

The inmate was assessed at an outside hospital and transferred to Southport Correctional Facility. He is serving a two to four year sentence after being convicted of Attempted Assault 2nd and Attempted Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance 3rd in Schenectady County in 2015.

The officer who was punched in the face regained consciousness a few seconds after the attack. He was transferred to Auburn Community Hospital and treated for a fracture to the left side of his jaw, loosened teeth and back pain.

He has not returned to duty.

Six officers reported minor injuries during the attack and remained on duty.

“Another violent, unprovoked attack on staff at Auburn Correctional Facility. This continues a disturbing trend of violence at the maximum security prison. A simple morning escort turned violent and left one officer knocked unconscious and with a fractured jaw and six others with minor injuries as they attempted to get the inmate under control. This is not an isolated incident. Over the past year, there have been a number of inmate attacks on officers at this prison and the administration has simply done nothing to provide our members with the protection they deserve”, said Joe Miano, Vice President of NYSCOPBA’s Western Region.