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Officer Sustains Concussion During Inmate Attack

Assault Occurs at Erie County Medical Center

Attica, NY - A corrections officer sustained a concussion when an inmate, who was being treated at Erie County Medical Center, got out of his restraints, grabbed a wall monitor in the hospital room and struck the officer in the side of the head.

The attack occurred on Sunday, June 25, at approximately 6: 15PM. The 32 year old inmate from Attica Correctional Facility, whose name is not being released, was in a bed in a hospital room with restraints on when he broke free of the restraints. The inmate got out of his bed and tore a medical monitor off the wall. Two officers who were just outside entered the room and attempted to get the inmate back into restraints.

The inmate, with the wall monitor still in his hand, swung it at one of the officers, striking him on the side of the head.

The two officers put the inmate in body holds and with the assistance of the Erie County Medical Center Police, were able to get him back under control and into restraints.

The inmate was moved to a secure room at the hospital before being transferred back to Attica.

The injured officer was treated at the emergency room and diagnosed with a concussion and muscle strain to his hip. He did not return to duty.

No other injuries occurred.

The inmate is currently serving a 13 year sentence for Robbery 2nd, Burglary 1st and Attempted Assault 1st. He was convicted in 2009 in New York County.

“Another violent, unprovoked attack on staff. This latest assault shows that our members not only get attacked inside prisons but at medical facilities as well when inmates are being treated. The inmate ripped a medical monitor from the wall and used it as a weapon to strike one the officers in the head. Thankfully, the injuries were not more serious. I’d like to thank the Erie County Medical Center officers who assisted our two members in getting this violent inmate under control ”, said Joe Miano, Vice President of NYSCOPBA’s Western Region.