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Six Officers Injured at Five Points Correctional Facility

Injured Officers Treated at Cayuga Medical Center

Romulus , NY – Six officers were injured after several inmates became violent and disruptive inside a cell block at the maximum security prison last Friday.

The prison had just been released from a facility lockdown, which occurred as a result of a large inmate fight in the recreation yard.

At approximately [5:00 PM](#), correction staff were initiating the movement of eleven inmates from their cell block for dinner. An officer on the cell block observed two inmates run up to two other inmates and exchange multiple punches. The officer called for assistance and gave the inmates several direct orders to stop fighting. After several orders, the officer gained compliance from the inmates. Officers then placed the involved inmates in mechanical restraints and removed them from the cell block.

Immediately afterward, the officers on the block directed the remaining inmates to return to their cells. Several inmates refused to comply with directions and did not return to their cells. An officer then observed an inmate run towards another inmate with an object in his hand. The officer ordered the inmate to stop, but he refused. The officer grabbed the inmate in a body hold to stop him from entering a cell. Another officer arrived on the scene and grabbed the inmate, while the inmate continued to fight back against the officers. The inmate then attempted to get to the cell toilet to dispose of the unknown object he possessed in his hand. While inside the cell, the inmate punched and kicked both officers. As the inmate continued to fight, four additional officers arrived at the cell. The officers gained control of the unruly inmate after placing the inmate's hands behind his back and into mechanical restraints. The officers escorted the inmate off the block and into a holding cell.

Two officers ordered the remaining inmates to again lock into their cells. Two inmates became loud and disruptive, and tried to instigate the other inmates to disregard the orders given by the officers. The officers ordered one inmate against the wall to be frisked, who then became aggressive and threatening towards the officers. The officers then used body holds in an attempt to gain control of the inmate. During the struggle, the inmate put one officer in a chokehold. Fortunately, officers were able to force the inmate's arms behind

his back and into mechanical restraints. The officers removed the inmate from the block and placed him in a special housing unit.

Once the officers removed the disruptive inmates from the cell block, all the staff involved went for evaluation by the facility medical staff. Six officers were treated for injuries and transferred to an outside medical facility for treatment. One officer sustained a fractured hand. Several officers sustained abrasions, minor cuts, and pain and swelling to both their upper and lower extremities. Due to these injuries, the officers were unable to return to duty.

During a search of the cell block, an officer located the unknown object the inmate attempted to discard in the toilet. The object was a black ceramic scalpel measuring in excess of one inch in length. The scalpel was taken as contraband and evidence.

All of the inmates involved in the incident face internal disciplinary measures.

“On the heels of a large yard fight early last week, which initiated a facility lockdown, the unrest among Five Points inmates continued this Friday, right after the facility lifted the lockdown. To have six officers injured in such an incident is another indication of how dangerous our state prisons are and how quickly a situation can escalate and get out of control. The two officers that got pulled into the cell, with the inmate armed with a weapon, are extremely lucky their injuries were not more serious. All of the officers involved did an excellent job containing the situation as quickly as they did.” – Joe Miano, NYSCOPBA Western Region Vice President.