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Officer Injured in Attack at Clinton Correctional Facility

Female Officer Sustains Fractured Nose During Assault

DANNEMORA, NY – A female corrections officer sustained a broken nose and multiple abrasions after she was assaulted by an inmate at Clinton Correctional Facility yesterday morning in the library. The incident took place at approximately 9:35 a.m.

The officer was attempting to counsel the inmate for having unauthorized items in the library. Unprovoked, the inmate struck the female officer with his forearm, knocking her to the ground. He proceeded to punch the officer several times to the face.

Additional staff arrived at the scene and attempted to place the inmate in body holds. After continued resistance, OC Pepper Spray was administered, which had no initial effect. Staff eventually were able to subdue the inmate, apply mechanical restraints, and remove him from the library.

The female officer was treated by facility medical staff and transported to Champlain Valley Hospital. She was treated for her injuries and later released. A second officer was transported to the hospital and treated for a bite to his hand and an injured shoulder. Both officers did not return to duty.

The inmate, 50 years old, was placed in a special housing unit pending disciplinary action.

“This assault follows the trend that has occurred over the past five years in our prisons. The number of assaults in 2017 will surpass what occurred in 2016 and have risen 20 percent since 2013. This inmate, who has been arrested and convicted of multiple felonies and misdemeanors since he was 24 years old, has a long prison disciplinary record. This is the type of inmate who continually fails to follow the rules inside the facility and there needs to be strong disciplinary measures taken to deter that from occurring.” – John Roberts, NYSCOPBA Northern Region Vice President.