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Officers Assaulted at Great Meadow Correctional Facility

Inmate Attacks Two Officers, Strikes Them With Broom Handle

Comstock, NY – Two officers' sustained injuries when an irate inmate grabbed a broom handle, charged them, and struck them several times before being subdued by responding officers. The attack occurred on Tuesday, February 27, 2018 at approximately 8:10 a.m.

The two officers were escorting inmates to their morning meal when the inmate exited his cell and charged both officers while armed with a broom handle. The inmate struck one officer on the top of the head with the handle, which broke into two pieces during the assault. Still armed with both pieces, the inmate turned and struck the second officer multiple times with the handle. The officer defended herself and was able to force the inmate to drop the weapon. He punched the officer several times and attempted to force her into the cell bars.

The first officer came to the aid of the female officer and was hit several more times with closed fists. Responding officers deployed OC spray but it had no effect on the inmate. Multiple officers were able to get the inmate under control with body holds and into mechanical restraints. He was removed from the area and placed in a special housing unit.

The two officers were treated by medical staff at the facility and transferred to a local hospital. The first officer sustained a three inch laceration to his head and multiple bruises and abrasions to his face. The female officer sustained abrasions and bruising to her head, left hand and both knees. Both officers were treated and released from the hospital.

The inmate, 33, is serving a 10 year sentence for Robbery 1st and Attempted Criminal Possession of a Weapon 2nd after being convicted in Kings County in 2010.

"Tuesday's attack is a pointed reminder of the dangerous environment our members face inside our prisons on a daily basis. This was a vicious, unprovoked attack on two officers. Both sustained injuries that needed hospital treatment. We need to continue to advocate for disciplinary measures that will deter inmates from attacking staff as well as criminally prosecute inmates that commit serious acts of violence." – John Roberts, Northern Region VP of NYSCOPBA.