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***Inmate Attempts to Slash Officers***

**Ossining, NY** – An inmate attempted to slash two officers with a razor in the prison infirmary at Sing Sing Correctional Facility on Saturday, March 17 at approximately 11:00 a.m.

The inmate was taken to the infirmary after he allegedly cut his left forearm intentionally. After being assessed by medical staff, the inmate jumped to his feet and pulled a razor out of the back of his pants. He stated to one officer in the room “When was the last time an officer at Sing Sing got cut in the face?” He then proceeded to lunge towards the officer and swung the razor at his head. The attack was unsuccessful.

A second officer assisted and force was used, but the inmate refused to drop the razor and continued to resist and fight staff.

The officers were eventually able to get the inmate to the floor, restrained, and promptly removed from the infirmary.

The razor, which is state issued, was recovered from the floor and placed in evidence.

Both officers were unharmed.

“This incident is a stark reminder of how quickly things can escalate inside our prisons. The inmate, who commented to the officer just before the attempted attack, was clearly trying to harm the officer and refused multiple orders to stop before force was needed to get him under control,” said Clarence Fisher, NYSCOPBA Southern Region Vice President. “The officers utilized their training to disarm the inmate and avoid any injuries to staff, which is a credit to them under the circumstances.”