



Officers Injured After Unprovoked Attack by Inmate at Mid-State Correctional Facility

Six Officers Taken to Hospital For Injuries

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Marcy, NY – Six officers sustained injuries at Mid-State Correctional Facility when an inmate armed with a makeshift weapon first threatened officers, then physically assaulted them.

The incident occurred on the morning of Tuesday, May 8 as two officers were conducting a search of an inmate and his living quarters. The inmate initially complied with officers' orders to face the wall to be frisked, but suddenly turned and pulled a metal ice pick-type weapon from his waistband.

The two officers were able to restrain the inmate and knock the weapon to the floor. With the weapon on the floor, the inmate struck both officers multiple times in the head and upper body. The officers forced the inmate onto the floor where he continued to be combative. Responding officers administered OC Spray twice to the inmate but it had no effect. After several minutes they were able to get his legs and arms under control and into restraints.

Once under control, the inmate was searched for additional weapons. Officers found a razor blade wrapped in black electrical tape in his possession. After evaluation, the inmate was transported to Five Points Correctional Facility. He is currently serving a 13 year sentence after being convicted in Kings County in 2011 for Rape 1st and Assault 2nd.

The injured officers were initially treated by medical staff at the facility. They were transported to two local hospitals for further treatment and treated for a variety of head and body abrasions and minor sprains. One officer was briefly knocked unconscious during the incident. All were released but did not return to duty.

“This attack again points to the need for adequate discipline measures for inmates who act violently inside our prison facilities. Current proposed legislation in New York State that looks to further reduce the measures available to our officers are simply unacceptable. The struggle was so violent that it took six officers to get the inmate under control. Armed with two makeshift weapons, this inmate could have easily caused serious injuries to all of the officers involved. I commend these officers for taking the necessary action to limit the injuries caused by this attack.” – stated Scott Carpenter, Central Region Vice President.