



Officer Attacked at Mid-State Correctional Facility

Officer Sustains Concussion, Facial Fractures

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Marcy, NY –An officer was knocked unconscious after he was violently attacked by an inmate inside a holding cell at the medium security prison.

The incident occurred on Sunday, August 18, at approximately 9:05 a.m. The inmate was escorted to a holding cell waiting for a medical evaluation. While inside the cell, an officer ordered the inmate to face the wall so he could be frisked. When the officer took the mechanical restraints off the inmate, he spun off the wall and punched the officer in the left side of the head, knocking him unconscious. A sergeant inside the cell administered OC Spray but it had no immediate effect. A second round of OC Spray was deployed but the inmate continued to be combative.

Four officers used body holds to get the inmate first to the wall, and then to the ground. Mechanical restraints were applied and the inmate was removed from the holding cell.

The injured officer received medical treatment by staff and was transferred to St. Elizabeth's Hospital for treatment. He was diagnosed with a concussion, fractured cheek bone, left orbital eye fracture and fractured nose.

The responding officers sustained minor injuries and remained on duty.

The inmate, 33 years old, was transferred to Five Points Correctional Facility. He is serving a 15 year sentence after being convicted of Assault 1st in Kings County in 2009.

"It is our sincere hope that the Oneida County District Attorney's Office prosecutes this crime to the fullest extent. This was a vicious attack on one of our members and the inmate, who was already serving a lengthy sentence for a violent assault, needs to be prosecuted," said Scott Carpenter, NYSCOPBA Central Region Vice President.