



## ***Officer Stabbed by Inmate at Green Haven Correctional Facility***

### ***Sustains Multiple Puncture Wounds During Attack***

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**Beekman, NY** – A correction officer sustained multiple puncture wounds during an attack by an inmate on Monday, October 28, at the maximum security facility.

The attack occurred at approximately 8:10 a.m. The officer directed the inmate to step out of line so he could be frisked for contraband. The inmate refused to follow the officer's directions and took an aggressive stance. He attacked the officer and punched him in the upper body and head. The officer was able to take the inmate to the floor where the violent struggle continued. Another officer arrived on the scene and administered OC Spray, which had no immediate effect. Additional staff arrived and they were able to pin the inmates legs and get him into mechanical restraints.

During the attack, the officer sustained puncture wounds to the neck, back and upper jaw. He was transported to a local hospital and treated for his injuries. His injuries were not considered life threatening.

During the investigation, staff located a Bic pen with blood on it near the attack. It is believed to have been the weapon used to stab the officer.

The inmate, 46 years old, is serving a 25 year to life sentence after being convicted in Onondaga County for Murder 2<sup>nd</sup>, Criminal Possession of a Weapon 2<sup>nd</sup> and Reckless Endangerment 1<sup>st</sup> in 1999.

State Police are investigating.

“As inmate advocates continue to call for a reduction in discipline - violent inmates continue to attack our members without any real ramification. Simply put, Monday’s assault was a violent unprovoked attack by a convicted killer. The officer was lucky that an artery wasn’t cut during the stabbing or the outcome could have been much different. I would sincerely hope that the Dutchess County District Attorney considers this attack serious enough to prosecute. Our collective voice will continue to call for the prosecution of any inmate, regardless of the length of their sentence, who violently attacks staff.” – stated Michael Mazzella, Mid-Hudson Region Vice President.