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Inmate Fights Plague Auburn Correctional Facility

Several Inmates Cut, Weapons Seized

Auburn, NY – Several inmate fights occurred at Auburn Correctional Facility in the last two weeks that left numerous inmates with lacerations that are consistent with being cut by a weapon.

The first assault occurred on Saturday, October 12, at approximately 8:00 p.m. An officer observed seven inmates fighting with one inmate in the recreation yard. Staff ordered the inmates to stop fighting but they ignored the orders. OC Spray was deployed into the group which caused the inmates to disperse. Once the inmates were accounted for, one inmate was treated for several superficial lacerations to his head, face and hand.

Three make-shift weapons were located by officers near the incident site. The weapons were taken as evidence.

As the inmates were being removed from the yard a second fight broke out between four inmates. Several staff orders were ignored by three inmates, who were attacking the fourth. Several rounds of OC Spray was used to get the inmates to comply and stop fighting.

One officer, who experienced chest pains following the incident, was taken to a local hospital for further treatment.

Approximately 25 minutes later another fight involving three inmates on one occurred in the main yard. Staff observed the inmates making slashing type movements during the fight. OC Spray didn't

have the initial effect on the inmates and additional force was used to get the inmates under control. One inmate was treated for lacerations to his left side of his face, left jaw, under his arm and the left side of his ribs.

Three officers and a sergeant sustained minor injuries during the incident.

On Tuesday, October 22, at approximately 9:30 p.m. a 13 person inmate fight occurred in the main yard. Officers observed inmates making slashing type motions during the fight. The inmates ignored staff orders to stop fighting. Several rounds of OC Spray had to be administered into the crowd to get the inmates to stop their assault.

Once under control, the inmates were removed from the yard. One sustained a laceration to the back of his shoulder and was treated by medical staff. One officer sustained minor knee pain and remained on duty.

A search of the immediate area recovered five make-shift weapons that were sharpened on one end.

All of the inmates involved face disciplinary action.

“ These three incidents follow a continued trend at Auburn Correctional Facility where inmate fights occur on a daily basis. On a consistent basis, staff is assaulted, inmate on inmate fights occur, all the while opponents of Special Housing Units continue to push for less discipline and accountability for unruly inmates. Without a code of conduct for incarcerated individuals there is virtually nothing standing in the way to stop an inmate from attacking staff or another inmate. This is a very dangerous road to travel when our priority needs to be about protecting staff and inmates from vicious, unprovoked assaults” – said Joe Miano, Western Region Vice President.