



Officers Injured in Inmate Attack at Franklin Correctional Facility

One Officer Sustains Fractured Wrist, Lacerations

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Malone, NY – Two officers were injured at Franklin Correctional Facility when an inmate attacked them at the medium security prison.

The attack occurred on Sunday, November 17, at approximately 12:10 p.m. An officer observed the inmate place an unknown object in his pants pocket. The officer ordered the inmate to submit to a frisk. Before the frisk could occur, the inmate attempted to punch the officer but failed to connect. He ran into the bathroom with the officer in pursuit. In the bathroom, he punched the officer in the right shoulder. The officer grabbed the inmate in a body hold and forced him to the ground. Still struggling on the ground, the inmate cut the officer's left wrist with an unknown object. After the cutting, the inmate was able to get free and run to a toilet and flush the weapon.

A second officer entered the bathroom and ordered the inmate to place his hands behind his back and he complied. Mechanical restraints were placed on the inmate. Staff removed him from the bathroom and transported him to a Special Housing Unit. During the transport, the

inmate kicked a female sergeant twice in the side of her face. OC Pepper Spray was immediately applied and the inmate stopped the attack.

The inmate was placed in a Special Housing Unit.

The injured officer was taken to Alice Hyde Medical Center and treated for a fractured right wrist, lacerations to the left wrist and abrasions to his face.

The sergeant sustained swelling to the right side of her face, blurred vision and a headache. She remained on duty.

The inmate, 29 years old, is serving a five year sentence after being convicted in Kings County on two counts of Attempted Criminal Possession of a Weapon 2nd.

The investigation is on-going.

“Once again, as inmate advocates continue to call for a reduction in discipline - violent inmates continue to attack our members. This is the second officer we have had cut by an inmate in three weeks and that is simply unacceptable. Even after the inmate was placed in restraints he continued to attack staff and kicked a supervisor twice in the side of the head. It gives a clear picture of how violent some of these inmates are. I would sincerely hope that the Franklin County District Attorney considers this attack serious enough to prosecute.” – stated John Roberts, Northern Region Vice President.