



## ***Officers Assaulted, Injured at Greene Correctional Facility***

### ***One Officer Taken to Albany Med For Injuries***

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**Coxsackie, NY** – An inmate attacked and injured three officers at the medium security prison on Friday, December 20, 2019.

The incident occurred at approximately 4:55 p.m. The inmate was in the mess hall and was given an order to leave the area. The inmate refused and attempted to punch the officer who gave the order. The officer grabbed the inmate in a body hold and attempted to take him to the ground but was unsuccessful as the inmate violently struggled. Two officers responded to help. One officer attempted to grab the inmate in another body hold but was struck several

times in the head. The second officer was also struck several times in the face by the inmate during the attack. Additional officers arrived on the scene and assisted in getting the inmate to the ground and in restraints. He was removed from the area and placed in a Special Housing Unit.

Three officers sustained injuries during the attack. One officer sustained neck and facial trauma and was transferred to Albany Medical Center for treatment. A second officer sustained minor injuries to his back, left shoulder, jaw and head. He was treated by medical staff at the facility and remained on duty. A third officer sustained upper and lower back pain and left shoulder pain. He remained on duty.

The inmate, 27 years old, is serving a five year sentence after being convicted in Monroe County for Attempted Possession of a Weapon 2<sup>nd</sup> in 2019. He faces disciplinary charges in the attack.

“As we approach the end of the year, 2019 marks the fourth straight year that assaults on staff have increased. In 2016 there were 760 reported assaults on staff. With a week left in 2019, we are approaching 1000 assaults on staff as inmate advocates continue to push for decreased disciplinary measures. Without having substantial measures to deter inmates from attacking staff, our fear is that this alarming trend will continue. “ – stated Michael Mazzella, Mid-Hudson Region Vice President.