



Staff Assault Occurs at Mid-State Correctional Facility

One Officer Transferred to Hospital for Treatment

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Marcy, NY – Two officers were injured at Mid-State Correctional Facility when an inmate attacked an officer who had ordered him off one of the facility phones.

The incident occurred on Sunday, December 29, 2019 at approximately 3:04 p.m. The inmate was on the phone and was ordered off the phone by an officer after the allotted time had expired. The inmate became argumentative with the officer and abruptly turned and punched the officer in the left side of the face. The officer attempted to gain control of the inmate as the inmate continued the attack.

The officer was able to get the inmate in a body hold and force him to the ground where he continued to struggle with the officer. Additional staff arrived on the scene and assisted in getting the inmate in mechanical restraints. He was removed from the scene and placed in a Special Housing Unit.

Two officers were treated by facility medical staff for minor injuries. One officer, who was first assaulted, was later transferred to a local hospital for further treatment. He did not return to duty.

The inmate, 26 years old, is serving a three year sentence after being convicted for Rape 3rd in Kings County in 2018.

"Staff assaults have increased for four consecutive years and exceeded 1000 for the first time in 2019. While inmate advocates continue to call for additional disciplinary reforms, staff are constantly at risk for unprovoked attacks. All of this will continue in 2020 until the administration recognizes that significant changes need to be made to protect staff. That should be the number one priority in the coming year. " – stated Bryan Hluska, NYSCOPBA Central Region Vice President.