



Officer Assaulted, Injured at Sullivan Correctional Facility

Officer Sustains Orbital Fractures in Attack

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Fallsburg, NY – An inmate attacked and injured one officer after abruptly attacking him after his mechanical restraints were taken off at the maximum security prison.

The incident occurred on Thursday, December 19, 2019. The inmate was being frisked for contraband when he suddenly attacked the officer after his restraints were removed. The inmate struck the officer in the left side of the face. Two officers responded and took the inmate to the ground. He continued to struggle with officers until they were able to get him back into restraints.

The inmate was removed from the immediate area.

The officer, who sustained significant facial injuries in the attack, was transported to Albany Medical Center for treatment. He received seven stitches to close a facial laceration and sustained several orbital fractures.

One of the responding officers sustained an injured elbow during the incident.

The inmate, 33 years old, is serving a 11 year sentence after being convicted for Criminal Sale of a Controlled Substance 3rd, Assault 2nd and Attempted Assault 2nd in Ontario County in 2011.

“We ended 2019 with over a 1000 assaults on staff, the fourth straight year in which assaults on staff increased. Most every statistical category increased from the previous year, yet inmate advocates continue to call for a decrease in disciplinary measures. Without having substantial measures to deter inmates from attacking staff, this alarming trend will continue and we will see continued attacks.” – stated Michael Mazzella, Mid-Hudson Region Vice President.