Officers Assaulted at Upstate Correctional Facility

One Officer Sustains Fractured Nose

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Malone , NY – Several officers sustained injuries after an inmate barricaded himself inside his cell and charged officers who entered to remove him.

The incident occurred on Tuesday , February 11 , at approximately 12:20 p.m. The inmate was being returned to his cell after a routine cell search. He became combative with officers and closed the cell door and blocked the cell door window. Officers, unable to see the inmate inside the cell, gave him several orders to remove the covering on the window. He refused to answer the officers. Officers then opened the door and were entering the cell when the inmate charged officers and attacked them. He struck one officer in the nose and a second in the ear. He continued to struggle with officers. They were eventually able to get him to the ground and into mechanical restraints.

The inmate, 26 years old, is serving a two to four sentence after being convicted in Kings County Court for Attempted Burglary 3rd and Attempted Assault 2nd.

Three officers sustained injuries and were treated by facility medical staff. One officer sustained a fractured nose. Two officers were taken to a local hospital for exposure to blood.

"Assaults on staff were at an all-time high in 2019 and the start of the new year has not changed that trend. Inmate assaults on staff, inmate on inmate assaults, and contraband seized continue on a rapid pace without DOCCS taking any significant steps to stem the violence. Instead of focusing on prison closures, the administration's priority should be how to stop the violence and protect staff " – stated John Roberts, NYSCOPBA Northern Region Vice President.