



Officers, Medical Staff Assaulted at Green Haven Correctional Facility

Doctor and a Nurse Allegedly Cut by Inmates in Separate Incidents

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Stormville, NY – A staff doctor and nurse were cut by inmates in separate incidents at the maximum security prison.

On Friday, March 13, the doctor was on rounds in the Special Housing Unit. He stopped at an inmate's cell when the inmate reached through the bars and hit him in the left side of the chest. The doctor, who did not realize he was cut, immediately went to the infirmary and was examined. The medical staff discovered blood stains on the left side of his shirt and located a two inch laceration to his chest. The wound was consistent with a cutting type instrument.

The inmate's cell was searched and no weapon discovered. The inmate, 24 years old, is serving 20 years to life after being convicted in Bronx County for Murder 2nd and Criminal Possession of a Weapon 2nd in 2016.

The investigation is continuing.

On Wednesday, March 18, a male nurse was on his rounds in the Special Housing Unit when he stopped by an inmate's cell to give him his inhaler. When the nurse turned around to walk away, the inmate reached through the cell bars and hit the nurse in the back left shoulder. The nurse realized he had been cut and went to the infirmary where they discovered a 5 ½ laceration to his shoulder.

The inmate's cell was searched and a ceramic blade was located taped underneath his bed. The weapon was taken as evidence.

In addition to the two cuttings, a sergeant and two officers' sustained injuries when an inmate attacked the sergeant in a holding cell and attempted to twist and break his arm during the struggle on Friday, March 13. Multiple applications of OC Pepper Spray were used by an officer to get the inmate to release the sergeant's arm and get him under control.

"As our members continue to work the front line during the COVID-19 crisis, violent inmates continue to attack officers and civilian staff. The doctor and nurse were blatantly attacked without any provocation, resulting in 20 stitches to close the shoulder wound to the nurse. These two convicted murderers were housed in the Special Housing Unit already for disciplinary measures and they showed a complete disregard for order by attacking medical personnel. " – stated Mike Mazzella, NYSCOPBA Mid-Hudson Region Vice President.