



Officer Attacked at Fishkill Correctional Facility

Inmate Chokes and Assaults Officer

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Fishkill , NY – An officer was treated at a local hospital after an inmate choked and punched him at the medium security correctional facility.

The attacked occurred on Tuesday, May 19, at 2:30 a.m. The officer was conducting rounds when he was struck in the head and placed in a choke hold. The officer struggled with the inmate before being able to activate his personal alarm. Another officer arrived at the scene and witnessed the inmate using his left arm to choke the officer. The officer ordered the inmate to release his hold but he refused. He applied OC Pepper Spray to the inmate, which had its desired effect. The inmate released the officer from the choke hold. He was placed in mechanical restraints and removed from the scene.

The inmate was placed in a Special Housing Unit pending disciplinary action. He is serving a seven year sentence after being convicted in Kings County in 2016 for Assault 1st, Criminal Possession of a Weapon 2nd, and Reckless Endangerment 1st.

The injured officer was treated by medical staff and transported to local hospital. He was treated for multiple contusions to the head and eye area, blood in his ear canal and neck pain. He was treated and released. He did not return to duty.

“Simply put, this was a brutal, unprovoked attack on an officer by an inmate who had no regard for rules or discipline. Until DOCCS changes their disciplinary policies these type of attacks will continue. I strongly encourage the Dutchess County District Attorney to consider

pursuing criminal charges in this attack.” – stated Mike Mazzella , NYSCOPBA Mid-Hudson Region Vice President.