



Officers Injured at Mid-State Correctional Facility

Inmate Punches, Chokes Officer

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Marcy, NY – Two officers sustained injuries at the medium security correctional facility when an inmate punched and placed an officer in a headlock outside of the mess hall.

The assault occurred on Monday, June 22, at approximately 12:30 p.m. The inmate was coming back from the mess hall when an officer noticed a bulge in his front pants pocket. He ordered the inmate against the wall so he could be frisked for contraband. The inmate suddenly came off the wall and punched the officer twice in the face before grabbing him in a headlock. The inmate started to choke the officer. A second officer responded and grabbed the inmate in a body hold and forced him to the ground. On the ground, a brief struggle ensued before the officer was able to get mechanical restraints on the inmate's wrists.

The inmate was removed from the area by staff. He faces internal disciplinary measures.

He is serving a 1 to 3 year sentence after being convicted of Attempted Burglary 3rd in Onondaga County in 2017. He recently was returned to the facility after violating parole.

Both officers were treated by facility medical staff. The officer who was attacked sustained abrasions to the face and neck, shoulder pain, a headache and nausea. The officer who responded to the attack sustained shoulder and knee pain and abrasions. Both officers remained on duty.

“Assaults on staff continue to be a consistent problem in our prisons. Thankfully staff were not seriously injured in this attack. Every assault is a constant reminder of the daily violence our members face. Any continued reform to discipline is only going to put staff at greater risk of being attacked..” – stated Bryan Hluska, NYSCOPBA Central Region Vice President.