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## ***Officers Injured During Attack at Five Points Correctional Facility***

### ***One Officer Sustains Concussion, Second Officer Fractures Nose and Elbow***

**Romulus, NY** – Three officers were taken to an outside hospital for treatment after a violent inmate attacked them at the maximum security facility.

On Sunday, July 19 at approximately 1:40 p.m., an inmate was ordered back into his cell after his allotted phone time had expired. The inmate refused several orders to return to the cell. The officer on the scene called for a sergeant to respond. As the sergeant approached, the inmate charged him. He struck the sergeant several times in the head and face. The sergeant grabbed the inmate in a body hold and pushed him up against the wall. The inmate continued to strike the sergeant repeatedly.

Seven officers responded to the attack. As the officers attempted to get the inmate under control and to the ground, he continued to kick and punch at them. He punched one officer in the head, temporarily knocking him unconscious. On the ground, he bit an officer's ear. He continued to fight until the officers were able to get him under control and into mechanical restraints.

The inmate was removed from the cell block and was placed in a Special Housing Unit.

Three officers were treated at the facility and transported to an outside hospital. One officer sustained swelling, a laceration to his forehead and a concussion. The second officer sustained a bite mark to his ear, abrasions to the head, a broken nose and fractured elbow. The third officer sustained a fractured bone in his hand. All three were treated and released from the hospital. They did not return to duty.

Several other officers who responded to the scene were treated by facility medical staff for abrasions and swelling. They remained on duty.

The inmate, 33, is serving a 20 year sentence after being convicted in Bronx County for Manslaughter 1<sup>st</sup> in 2009.

“ This was a vicious attack by an inmate who was already under disciplinary measures at the facility. It took seven officers to get the inmate under control after he attacked the sergeant and left two officers with significant injuries. As inmate advocates continue to call for a reduction in discipline for inmates, this is a perfect example of why those measures need to exist. Without significant penalties there will be nothing to deter unprovoked attacks like this from occurring. ” – said Mark Deburgomaster , Western Region Vice President.