



Officers Injured at Mid-State Correctional Facility

Two Separate Inmate Assaults Occur

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Marcy, NY – Several officers were injured in two separate attacks by inmates at the medium security correctional facility last week.

The first attack occurred on Thursday, July 16. The inmate was given orders to return to his dorm by an officer. The inmate became agitated and charged at the officer. He initially struck the officer in the chest. As the officer defended himself, the inmate struck him again in the chest and face. As the attack continued, another inmate came to the aid of the officer being attacked. He pulled the inmate off the officer and held him up against the wall until additional staff arrived and placed the inmate in mechanical restraints.

The officer sustained abrasions to his forearm, forehead, chest and neck. He was treated by medical staff at the facility and remained on duty.

The 42 year old inmate is serving a three year sentence after being convicted in New York County in 2019 for Sex Abuse 1st.

He was placed in a Special Housing Unit after the attack and faces disciplinary measures.

On Saturday, July 18, an inmate attacked an officer after being ordered out of the day room of the facility dorm. The inmate became agitated at the officer and punched him in the stomach and right eye. Additional staff responded to the incident. During the struggle with the inmate,

one officer was kicked in the stomach and a second officer was bit on his pinky. Multiple OC spray was administered with no effect. More staff arrived and were able to get the inmate under control and into mechanical restraints.

Four officers who sustained injuries were treated by medical staff at the facility. They were treated for abrasions and swelling and remained on duty. A fifth officer, who had his finger bitten, was transported to an outside hospital. He sustained two small lacerations to his pinky and was treated and released.

The inmate, 27 years old, was placed in a Special Housing Unit after the attack. He is serving a five year sentence after being convicted of Attempted Robbery 1st in Broome County in 2015.

“Even with restrictions to inmate movement during the first five months of this pandemic, assaults on staff continue to surge and are on pace to exceed 2019. Two more assaults within two days of each other injuring six officers. Thankfully in one assault, an inmate chose to come to the aid of the officer, otherwise his injuries could have been much worse. I strongly encourage the Oneida County District Attorney’s Office to prosecute both inmates.” – stated Bryan Hluska, NYSCOPBA Central Region Vice President.