



# **New York State Correctional Officers & Police Benevolent Association, Inc.**

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## ***"Keeping New York Safe"***

### ***NYSCOPBA Union Official Applauds Conviction of Two Inmates***

#### ***VP of Western Region Commends District Attorney for Prosecuting Case***

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**Auburn, NY** – Mark Deburgomaster, the Vice President of the Western Region of NYSCOPBA, which includes Auburn Correctional Facility, praised Jon Budelmann, Cayuga County District Attorney, for prosecuting and securing convictions of two inmates that were instrumental to the 2019 prison riot that injured several staff members.

On Tuesday, May 11, Mr. Budelmann announced the conviction of two defendants, Russell Williams and Philip Bradley, both inmates at Auburn Correctional Facility, for their roles in the May 11, 2019 riot at the maximum security prison.

Williams was found guilty of Assault 2<sup>nd</sup> and Riot 1<sup>st</sup>. Bradley was found guilty of Riot 1<sup>st</sup>. Williams faces a sentence of five to seven years. Bradley faces two to four years. Both sentences will run consecutively to the defendants' current prison sentence.

The two inmates are currently incarcerated in other correctional facilities.

Approximately 25 inmates were involved in the riot that Saturday afternoon in May. Officers needed to fire tear gas into the yard to quell the riot that injured several officers that were attacked by inmates. Five officers needed to be transported to a local hospital for treatment after the incident.

"With a watered down disciplinary system that already exists for inmates, and one that will only get more lenient when HALT goes into effect in 2022, it is vitally important to have district attorneys' who will stand up and protect our members like Mr. Budelmann. I would like to personally thank him for pursuing charges on the two inmates who were instrumental for the riot that day in 2019. The

sentences send a strong message to any inmate who refuses to follow the rules inside the prison or who attacks staff, that they will be held accountable and prosecuted. That fact that their sentences run consecutively and not concurrently to their current prison sentence, hopefully will make someone think long and hard before attacking an officer. ” – stated Deburgomaster.