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Sergeant, Officer Injured at Five Points Correctional Facility

Inmate Assaults Staff in Gymnasium

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Romulus, NY – A sergeant and officer sustained minor injuries after an inmate assaulted them after being counseled in the gymnasium at the maximum security prison.

On Friday, April 30, a sergeant assigned to the gymnasium was attempting to counsel an inmate. The inmate became agitated and suddenly punched the sergeant in the face. Two officers came to the sergeant's assistance. The three men grabbed the inmate in a body hold and forced him to the ground. Still combative on the ground, the inmate elbowed one of the officers in the mouth. The sergeant and two officers forced the inmate's arms behind his back and applied handcuffs. Once in handcuffs, the inmate became compliant. He was brought to his feet and removed from the gymnasium.

The sergeant sustained an injured shoulder and swelling to his face. One officer sustained a fractured tooth. Both were treated by facility medical staff and remained on duty.

The inmate, 37, is serving a 31 years to life sentence after being convicted in Kings County in 2014 for Murder 2nd and Criminal Possession of a Weapon. He faces internal disciplinary charges.

"Another attack on staff that leaves a sergeant and officer injured while the inmate, who committed the assault, will be met with a mere slap on the wrist. With a disciplinary system

that lacks any real teeth, assaults will continue to rise and more staff will be injured by inmates who know there are no real ramifications to their actions. Our elected officials need to stop pandering to inmate advocates and start supporting the men and women who protect them. They deserve no less. ” – stated Mark Deburgomaster, Western Region Vice President.