



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

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Officer Injured at Fishkill Correctional Facility

Treated For Injuries at Urgent Care after Inmate Attack

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Beacon, NY – One officer needed treatment at a local urgent care after an inmate suddenly attacked and punched him multiple times in the face at the medium security prison on Sunday.

The attacked occurred inside one of the facility dorms. The officer had just ordered the inmate to pack up his personal items from his living quarters so he could be moved to another dorm. Initially, the inmate followed the officer’s orders. Suddenly, he turned around and punched the officer twice in the face. The officer called for assistance. A sergeant responded to the incident. The officer and sergeant used body holds and forced the inmate to the ground. Once on the floor, the inmate became compliant and handcuffs were applied.

The inmate was removed from the dorm and placed in a Special Housing Unit pending disciplinary charges. He is serving a 3 year sentence after being convicted in Erie County on Attempted Rape charges in 2014. He was returned to prison in 2019 for violating parole.

The officer was transported to an urgent care for treatment of a swollen lip, loose tooth, and abrasions to his arm and left side of his neck. He was treated and released. He did not return to duty.

“This is a perfect opportunity for the Dutchess County District Attorney’s Office to send a strong message to any inmate who chooses to attack staff that they will be held criminally responsible and be prosecuted for their actions. This particular inmate can potentially be released from

prison in less than a year. He should be prosecuted and convicted for felony assault and sentenced accordingly. That hopefully would make him think twice about ever attacking staff again. Prosecuting inmates who attack staff, when it is appropriate, is the only recourse to deter inmates with the current internal disciplinary system stripped down by the State Legislature and DOCCS.” - Stated Chris Moreau, NYSCOPBA Mid-Hudson Region Vice President.