



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

# "Keeping New York Safe"

### ***Multiple Officers Injured at Fishkill Correctional Facility***

#### ***Officer and Sergeant Sustain Nasal Fractures***

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**Beacon, NY** – Four officers and a sergeant needed to be treated at two area hospitals after violently being attacked by a 20 year old inmate at the medium security correctional facility last week.

One officer and a female sergeant sustained nasal fractures in the attack.

On Monday, June 14, a counselor at the prison was conducting an interview of the inmate in a group room in one of the housing dorms. After a short time, the inmate began to be unruly, argumentative and failed to follow the counselor's directions. An officer who witnessed the incident, entered the room and ordered the inmate to stop his unacceptable behavior. Still acting disruptive, the inmate grabbed a chair and attempted to pick it up. The officer immediately administered OC Spray which had no effect. The inmate continued his violent outburst, swinging his arms wildly with closed fists. The officer grabbed the inmate in a body hold and attempted to get him to the ground but was unsuccessful. Another nearby officer witnessed the incident, called for a response, and then entered the room to assist the other officer. The inmate instantly struck that officer in the face with a closed fist causing his nose to bleed immediately.

Shortly after, a female sergeant responded to the room and administered another application of OC Spray, which again, had no effect. The sergeant was able to get handcuffs on one wrist but as the inmate continued to be combative, she was unable to control his other arm. Two of the officers were able to get him into a body hold and get control of his arms, and forced him to the ground. On the ground, the inmate continued to fight with officers. Eventually, three officers were able to get handcuffs on the inmate, which resulted in him becoming compliant. The inmate was removed from the room and brought to the infirmary to be decontaminated from the OC Spray.

The four officers and sergeant were transported to two local hospitals. One officer sustained a nasal fracture and laceration to the side of his nose. The sergeant was treated for a nasal fracture, pain and swelling to her left elbow and shoulder. Three officers were treated for pain and swelling to their wrists and hands.

They all did not return to duty.

The inmate is serving a six year sentence after being convicted for Assault 2<sup>nd</sup> in Wayne County in 2019. He stabbed a 32 year old man multiple times in the assault. While awaiting trial in Wayne County Jail, he attacked and injured three Wayne County Correction Officers.

The New York State Police BCI were notified of the incident.

"The photo of the injured officer is exactly why we have been critical and so vocal about our state legislators' failure to recognize how dangerous the inmate population is. This was a vicious, unprovoked attack on staff that needs to be prosecuted by the district attorney's office. Obviously, this young man has no regard for anyone. He stabbed a man multiple times, attacked and injured three county correction officers while awaiting trial and now savagely attacks staff at Fishkill. I cannot fathom how legislators can sit back, look at this photo, hear this story, and seriously believe that their progressive agendas are not putting the health and safety of the law enforcement community in serious jeopardy." - Stated Chris Moreau, NYSCOPBA Mid-Hudson Region Vice President.

**(Photo Attached)**



