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Two Officers Injured in Attacks at Mid-State Correctional Facility

Staff Assaults Continue at Medium Security Prison

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Marcy, NY – Two officers sustained injuries last week when two unruly inmates attacked them in separate incidents at the medium security correctional facility.

On Sunday, June 13, an officer assigned to the day room in one of the housing dorms was monitoring inmate movement to the mess hall. One inmate approached him and demanded to go to the mess hall. The officer indicated that mess hall movement had concluded. Initially, the inmate walked away, then turned suddenly and charged the officer striking him with a closed fist in the right eye. The officer grabbed the inmate in a body hold and forced him to the floor. The officer called for assistance and staff responded to the scene. Staff applied handcuffs and removed the inmate from the housing dorm.

The inmate was placed in a Special Housing Unit pending disciplinary charges. He is serving a six year sentence after being convicted for Assault 1st in Bronx County in 2020.

The officer sustained a dislocated finger and an abrasion under his right eye. He was treated at an outside medical facility and did not return to duty.

On Thursday, June 17, an officer was attacked by an inmate who was being placed in a holding pen in the infirmary. The inmate was being escorted to the holding pen by staff. As he entered the doorway to the pen, he turned immediately and ran headfirst into an officer, knocking him to the ground. The inmate fell on top of the officer. The officer grabbed him in a body hold, and with the assistance of two officers, got him back on his feet and placed him in the holding pen without further incident.

The officer sustained minor abrasions to his left elbow, pain to his ribs, left wrist and shoulder.

“Two of our biggest concerns, assaults and contraband, continually are ignored by DOCCS. Two more assaults last week, adding to the growing list of staff attacked by inmates, with no substantial action taken by DOCCS to protect officers. Our call for to reinstall the Secure Vendor Program continues to be met with stiff resistance despite the alarming number of drugs and weapons getting into the hands of inmates in the face of best efforts of staff. The men and woman of NYSCOPBA deserve far better and they are getting far less.” – stated Bryan Hluska, NYSCOPBA Central Region Vice President.