



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

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

### ***Officer Injured at Greene Correctional Facility***

#### ***Sustains Injuries to Face, Shoulder and Knee after Being Punched in the Face by Inmate***

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**Coxsackie, NY** – An officer was injured at Greene Correctional Facility after being punched in the face by an inmate at the medium security correctional facility last Friday.

At approximately 7:35 a.m., two officers, who were assigned to the mess hall, were counseling an inmate for not doing his job properly. During the counseling session, the inmate became agitated and argumentative with the officers. Initially, the officers attempted to de-escalate the situation. Suddenly, the inmate attempted to strike one of the officers with a closed fist but missed. Immediately, he turned to the second officer and struck him in the left side of the face. The inmate was grabbed in a body hold and was forced to the floor. On the floor, he continued to fight with the two officers. They were able to get both wrists behind his back where handcuffs were applied.

Once in handcuffs, the inmate became compliant.

The inmate was removed from the mess hall and placed in a Special Housing Unit pending disciplinary charges. He is serving a three year sentence after being convicted in 2020 for Attempted Criminal Possession of a Weapon 2<sup>nd</sup>, Criminal Contempt 1<sup>st</sup> and Attempted Burglary 3<sup>rd</sup>. The conviction stemmed from him being arrested in Erie County after being implicated in a shooting in which two men were shot.

The injured officer was treated by facility medical staff for pain to his left eye, left shoulder, left knee and shin. He sought further treatment at an outside medical facility and did not return to duty.

“The politicians elected to represent us across this state must understand the gravity of danger that exists daily for our members and address the violence that exists in our prisons before someone gets critically injured or killed. Literally every day we report on officers who get punched, kicked and even stabbed in inmate attacks. The troubling aspect is, these incidents garner little or no action by our elected officials or DOCCS Administration and our membership deserves far more. ” - stated Chris Moreau, NYSCOPBA Mid-Hudson Region Vice President.