



Inmate Throws Urine into the Faces of Two Officers at Auburn Correctional Facility

Incident Occurs as Staff Were Attempting to Install Cell Shield

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Auburn , NY – Two correction officers were assaulted with urine by an inmate while attempting to install a cell shield designed to prevent him from throwing bodily fluids, following repeated threats he had made against staff at the maximum-security facility.

On Thursday, December 4, the officers were directed to place the shield on the inmate's Special Housing Unit cell door. As they approached, the inmate threw urine from a bucket into both officers' faces and eyes. A response was immediately initiated, and the officers were taken to the infirmary, where medical staff determined they had experienced significant exposure. They were later transported to Auburn Community Hospital for additional treatment and did not return to duty.

When responding staff arrived at the SHU cell, they ordered the 26-year-old inmate to exit, but he refused. After repeatedly ignoring direct orders, chemical agents were deployed, prompting him to comply. He was escorted to the infirmary for decontamination.

The inmate, who is eligible for a parole hearing this month, is currently serving a two-to-four-year sentence for 2024 convictions in New York County for Criminal Contempt 1st and Escape 2nd.

“Throwing urine or feces on staff is one of the most despicable acts an inmate can commit. These officers were simply trying to protect others and before they could this convict threw urine on them. Sadly, especially recently, there are many in the public as well as certain elected officials that believe this behavior is normal. That our members, who are public servants, deserve to be treated this way because “that’s their job.” This logic is ridiculous and unacceptable. Even though the law was strengthened several years ago, upgrading this conduct to a Class E felony to better protect officers from abuse and harassment, laws like the HALT Act gives the incarcerated little to no deterrent for committing acts like this one daily. It would also serve as a clear warning to other inmates that this behavior will not be tolerated if the lawmakers in the majority amended the HALT Act to protect the employees who deal with the incarcerated daily.” - stated Kenny Gold, Western Region Vice President.