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Officer Injured in Attack at Mid-State Correctional Facility

Two Officers Also Injured Attempting to Get Medical Help for Inmate

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Marcy, NY – An officer sustained injuries at the medium security prison after an inmate attacked him after refusing orders to leave a restricted area of the prison.

On Wednesday, May 26, an officer observed an inmate walking in a restricted area of the facility. He was ordered to stop several times. He refused, and continued to walk through the restricted area. The officer approached him and told him to stop and submit to a frisk for contraband. The officer ordered the inmate to place his hands on a facility van. When the officer approached him, the inmate pushed back off the van and elbowed the officer in the back. The officer administered OC Spray and grabbed the inmate in a body hold and forced him to the ground, on the ground, the inmate continued to be combative and struggle with the officer. The officer was able to get the inmate's arms behind his back and apply handcuffs. Once in handcuffs, the inmate became compliant.

The inmate was placed in a Special Housing Unit pending disciplinary charges. He is serving an eight year sentence after being convicted in Albany County in 2019 on Burglary 2nd charges.

The officer sustained pain and swelling to his right knee, hip, shoulder and neck. He was treated by facility medical staff. He remained on duty after treatment.

"Assaults continue to rise throughout state prisons and this is a direct result of State Legislators pushing a progressive agenda to weaken the current criminal justice system. With a watered down disciplinary system now in effect, there is no deterrent that exists to stop unprovoked attacks on staff. In addition, two officers sustained injuries last week at Mid-State after an inmate, who was intoxicated on drugs, kicked and fought with officers who were attempting to get him medical attention. They have to endure this just for doing their job!" – stated Bryan Hluska, NYSCOPBA Central Region Vice President.