



**New York State Correctional Officers  
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## ***Multiple Officers Injured at Collins Correctional Facility***

### ***One Officer Cut By Inmate With Make-Shift Weapon***

**For Immediate Release**

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**Collins, NY** – One officer sustained multiple lacerations to his head and face when an inmate cut him with a drywall screw that was fashioned into a cutting instrument with a paper and tape handle.

The latest assault was one of two that occurred in consecutive days that injured several officers at the medium security correctional facility.

On Saturday, June 12, an officer assigned to the mess hall run requested an inmate show him his identification. The inmate refused. When the officer asked for his identification again, the inmate reached into his pants pocket and began swinging an unknown object wildly at the officer, cutting him several times in the left side of his face and head. The officer grabbed the inmate in a body hold and forced the inmate to the ground. On the ground, the inmate continued to be combative and kicked two officers who responded to the scene. Using body holds, the officers were able to gain control of the inmate and apply handcuffs. Once in handcuffs, the inmate became compliant.

The inmate, 65, is serving a 21 years to life sentence after being convicted of Manslaughter 1<sup>st</sup> and Murder 2<sup>nd</sup> in Westchester County in 2005. He stabbed and killed his mother and shot his brother a day after Thanksgiving in 2004.

He was transferred to Attica Correctional Facility after the attack.

The officer was treated at Erie County Medical Center for four lacerations to his face and head. He was treated and released.

The weapon was located by staff in the immediate area of the attack.

On Friday, June 11, six officers sustained injuries after being attacked by three inmates, after one inmate was given an order to stop smoking in the bathroom.

An officer was making rounds and saw an inmate smoking in the bathroom. He ordered the inmate to extinguish the cigarette. The inmate refused and ran to his cube in the housing dorm. The officer, with the assistance of another officer, ordered the inmate out into the corridor to be frisked. In the corridor, two inmates exited the dorm and approached the two officers and attacked them. One inmate struck one officer in the chest with his shoulder and head-butted him, knocking the officer to the ground. The inmate was brought to the ground and handcuffs were applied and he became compliant. The second inmate continued to advance on both officers. OC Spray was utilized but had no effect. The two officers grabbed the inmate in a body hold and were able to get handcuffs on him.

The inmate who originally was ordered into the corridor to be frisked, came off the wall and struck one of the officers three times in the face. He grabbed one of the officer's legs and began to strike his lower leg. Additional staff arrived at the scene and assisted in getting the inmate under control and into handcuffs. Once in handcuffs, he became compliant.

Three officers needed to be treated at a local hospital for shoulder and hand pain, facial and neck pain, nauseous and blurred vision. The officers were treated and released.

Three officers were treated by facility medical staff. One officer had a fractured thumb. The other two officers were treated for shoulder and wrist pain. All three remained on duty.

The inmates were placed in a Special Housing Unit and face disciplinary charges.

"The circumstances may vary, but the fact remains that with a diminished disciplinary system these attacks on staff will continue. The cutting of the officer was committed by an inmate who viciously stabbed his mother to death and shot his brother over a decade ago. While he is serving a life sentence, there needs to be a deterrent to not attack staff and that is having a disciplinary system that has some teeth. It will only be a matter of time before we have a member critically injured, or worse, killed in one of these incidents. Simply put, DOCCS has failed miserably protecting its staff. " – said Mark Deburgomaster , Western Region Vice President.