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Officer Injured in Attack at Mid-State Correctional Facility

Drugs Also Seized in Inmate Mail

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Marcy, NY – An officer sustained injuries at the medium security prison after an inmate attacked him inside an office of a housing dorm on Saturday.

At approximately 10:15 a.m., the officer witnessed the inmate run down the hallway of the dorm and attempt to exit one of the doors. The officer ordered the inmate to stop and come to his office to determine what he was doing. The inmate rushed into the officer’s office and threw him to the ground. The officer stood back up and administered OC Spray as the inmate advanced on him. The OC Spray had no effect, and the officer called for a response. The officer ordered the inmate to the ground but he refused. As the inmate advanced on him again, the officer administered another round of OC Spray. The inmate tackled the officer to the ground and he began to strike him in the head and body with closed fists. During the attack, the inmate attempted to remove the officer’s keys from the key clip but was unsuccessful. Another inmate entered the office and assisted the officer by grabbing the inmate in a body hold and pulling him off.

A sergeant and a response team arrived and entered the office and used body holds to get the inmate under control and into handcuffs.

Once in handcuffs and compliant, the inmate was removed from the office and placed in a Special Housing Unit pending disciplinary charges.

The inmate, 32, is serving a five year sentence after being convicted in Westchester County in 2019 for Attempted Robbery 2nd.

The officer sustained pain and swelling to his head, face and bruising to his body. He was treated by facility medical staff and remained on duty.

In addition to the attack, officers at the facility recovered drugs hidden in inmate mail. In five pieces of mail, officers found multiple sheets of paper in legal correspondence sent to inmates that were saturated with an unknown drug.

An officer also recovered synthetic marijuana that was wrapped in a bundle and hidden in a package of chicken strips.

All drugs were seized as evidence.

“Assaults, drugs, and weapons continue to plague Mid-State prison. It is a constant theme of all prisons across the state unfortunately. Officers get attacked, drugs are recovered, and weapons are seized from inmates with no legitimate punishment that will serve as a future deterrent with a watered down disciplinary now in effect. Have our elected officials lost sight these are individuals are in prison because they broke the law and they are allowing them to continue to break the law while they are incarcerated with their progressive policies. ” – stated Bryan Hluska, NYSCOPBA Central Region Vice President.