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Nine Officers Assaulted By Inmates During Separate Incidents

Violent, Unprovoked Attacks on Officers Continue to Plague NYS Correctional Facilities

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Coxsackie, NY – Multiple officers are injured during three separate unprovoked, violent attacks by inmates inside two Hudson Valley-area medium-security facilities.

The first incident occurred on the evening of September 25th at Greene Correctional Facility, where an officer observed an inmate acting erratically. Sensing something amiss, the officer immediately phoned for backup and the responding officer approached the inmate, who had already raised his hands in an aggressive manor. The inmate immediately began throwing punches at the responding officer and also lunged towards the officer where they became entangled. The responding officer attempted to subdue the inmate with body holds, yet the inmate continued to be combative. Three more officers responded who attempted to assist in getting the inmate to the floor with body holds. While on the floor, the inmate continued to be combative and kicked one of the assisting officers in the back. Officers were ultimately successful in applying restraints on the inmate, yet he continued to be combative for several minutes, until finally becoming compliant.

The inmate, 45, was examined by medical staff after the altercation and sustained scratches, a bruise and abrasions and was also noted to be under the influence of an unknown intoxicant or substance. He is currently serving a life sentence after being convicted of Murder 2nd in Queens in 1999 and is being held pending charges.

The four responding officers were all seen by medical staff and treated for various minor injuries, yet all remained on duty.

The second incident occurred on the evening of September 30th, also at Greene Correctional Facility, where an officer, who recently graduated from the academy, observed an inmate carrying a cup of unknown liquid walking towards his station. The inmate stated to the officer that the liquid was hot and that he was going to throw it at him. As the officer summoned for

backup, the inmate grabbed the officer's shirt and punched him twice in the side of the head. The officer attempted to defend himself and the two fell to the ground, where the inmate continued to punch the officer, until aide arrived to pull the inmate off the officer and responding officer's placed restraints on the inmate. Officers noticed the inmate appeared to be under the influence of an unknown intoxicant and attempted to place him into a transport van for treatment, to which the inmate refused and became combatant again. The officers needed to use body holds to force the inmate onto a secured stretcher where he ultimately complied and was transported to the facility medical unit.

The inmate, 45, was examined by medical staff which noted minor scratches and abrasions, in addition to being under the influence of an unknown intoxicant. He is currently serving 7 years after being convicted of criminal sale of a controlled substance 3rd in Putnam County in 2019. He is being held pending charges.

Four officers were evaluated and treated by medical staff for various minor injuries and pain. The officer involved in the initial incident was ordered to seek additional treatment at a nearby urgent care, while the 3 responding officers remained on duty.

The third incident occurred in the afternoon of October 4th, at Otisville Correctional Facility, when an officer who was sitting at her desk finishing her daily paperwork suffered an unprovoked attack by an inmate, who slammed the officer's head against a wall. As officer attempted to protect herself from the attacking inmate, was able to activate her personal alarm to which a response team arrived shortly thereafter. A responding officer was able to place the inmate into restraints and remove him from the area.

The inmate, 35, was examined by medical staff and reported no injuries. He is currently serving an 18 year sentence after being convicted of burglary and manslaughter in Queens in 2010. He is being held pending disciplinary charges.

The officer attacked was seen by the medical team who noted an abrasion and swelling to her head, along with a laceration on her thumb, yet the officer remained on duty.

"It both saddens and angers me when I hear about the continuous attacks on officers within our facilities. It kills me to know that my members have to endure the perpetual violence they face on a daily basis, which not only results in the physical injuries they sustain, but the immeasurable mental scars which they'll carry with them forever. I see it, and I hear it when I speak with them, and I'm sure their families see it too. The frustrations are amplified because there's a simple solution to combat the chaos...walk back the dangerous policies. The State need only look at the statistics to realize that a decade of poorly thought-out policies which watered down the discipline system in our correctional facilities has fueled this madness. NYSCOPBA members have been, and continue to be able to count on DA's Hoovler and Stanzione to prosecute these violent felons to the fullest extent allowable by law. However, the NYS legislature continues to send a clear message to our officers...that political agendas will continue to be prioritized over the safety of my brothers and sisters in blue." – **stated Chris Moreau, NYSCOPBA Mid Hudson Region Vice President.**