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Violence Assaults and Contraband Trouble Attica Correctional Facility

***More Incidents of Violence and Seized Contraband Following Last Week’s
Stabbing of an Officer***

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Attica, NY – On the heels of an inmate viciously stabbing an officer in the chest during an unprovoked attack, more incidents of violence and contraband are reported out of the maximum-security facility.

The first incident occurred on October 8th, where an officer processing a package intended for an inmate, noticed the seal on a half-dozen gummy packages tampered with and resealed. The officer opened the packages to discover nearly 300 individually wrapped pills throughout the 6 bags of what appeared to be contraband. Also in the package was 3 bags of drink mix which also appeared to be resealed. Inside the drink mix pouches were 30 bags of a white powdery substance. All contraband was turned over to investigators for further testing.

The second incident happened on the afternoon of October 12th, where an officer was processing a package intended for an inmate when he noticed three boxes of fruit snacks where the seal appeared to be tampered with. The officer opened the boxes to discover 31 packs of gummies which had been resealed. Inside the officer found over 2 dozen strips of suboxone and just under 2lbs of green, leafy substance mixed in with the gummies. All contraband was photographed and secured for further investigation.

The third incident happened on the evening of October 12th, as an inmate was leaving his cell for dinner, he struck two officers, punching one officer in his face, and elbowing a second officer on the back of her head. The inmate was escorted to the special housing unit. At the special housing unit, a nurse was attempting to perform a medical evaluation on the inmate, to

which he refused to participate. The inmate became belligerent, creating a disturbance and yelling at staff while in the frisk room. The inmate refused orders to stand and leave the frisk room. A cell extraction was ordered, approved and commenced after the inmate continue to ignore orders. After the extraction, the inmate was examined by medical staff which reported no injuries.

The inmate, 52, is currently serving a life sentence after being convicted of 2 counts of Murder 2nd, and 2 counts of Robbery 1st in 1988 in Erie County. He is being held pending a disciplinary hearing.

Five officers sustained injuries during the extended incidents, suffering from swelling, abrasions, and bruising. After being checked out by medical staff, all remained on duty.

These incidents follow the unprovoked attack of an officer on October 8th inside Attica Correctional Facility, where an inmate held and stabbed an officer in the upper left chest with a sharpened piece of metal. The officer injured is still unable to return to work.

“Just a few days after one of our officers is viciously stabbed by an inmate, more violent, unprovoked attacks targeted at our officers. Additionally, contraband continues to compound the issue of violence in our facilities, with drugs flowing into prisons through the package room. My thoughts are with these particular officers and the entire rank and file as they pass through those walls each and every day. Until Albany wakes up and passes some common sense policies to protect our members, these incidents will continue to mount and the conditions in these facilities will only worsen.” – **stated Mark DeBurgomaster, NYSCOPBA Western Region Vice President.**