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Violent Assault by an Inmate Injures Seven Officers at Fishkill Correctional

Unprovoked Attacks by Inmates on Staff Continue at a Record Pace

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Fishkill, NY – An inmate previously convicted of assault erupts in a violent rage injuring 7 officers, sending 4 to the hospital, during an incident at the medium security facility.

Shortly after 5pm on October 11th, after returning from the Mess Hall to the housing unit, two female officers observed an inmate who appeared to be intoxicated, stumbling around, holding himself up with a mop. When one of the officers asked the inmate if he was ok, he refused to answer and began screaming. The officer ordered the inmate to assume the pat frisk position in which he refused to comply and attempted to strike the second officer with the mop handle. The second officer defended herself from the attack, blocking the mop handle with her forearm. The inmate dropped the mop handle and began swinging violently at the first officer, striking her in the face and knocking her down to the ground. The inmate attempted to jump on top of the fallen officer when the other officer grabbed him around the waist and took the inmate to the ground. As a 3rd officer arrived at the scene, the inmate broke free of the officers' grasp and stood up with both fists clenched, yelling “Get up Bitches! Let me finish you off!” at the two officers from the initial encounter.

As the 3rd officer instructed the inmate to assume the pat frisk position, the inmate refused and confronted the 3rd officer in a fighting stance with both fists clenched. The officer grabbed the inmate by the waist and brought him to the ground where the inmate tried to break free by kicking and attempting to headbutt the officer. Two more officers responded to the scene and attempted to assist the officer who was holding the inmate down on the ground. The three officers were successful in applying restraints to the inmate, though he was still combative as

they escorted the inmate to the medical unit. Once the inmate arrived at the medical unit to be evaluated, he complied, and the violent outbursts ended.

The inmate was evaluated by medical staff and reported no injuries. When interviewed as to what caused this outburst, the inmate stated he “was having a bad day.”

The inmate, 33, is currently serving a 9-year sentence after being convicted of Assault 2nd and Criminal Mischief 3rd in 2018 in New York City. Charges against the inmate are pending.

In total, 8 officers were evaluated by medical staff following the violence. Of the 8, 7 reported injuries, ranging from a broken nose to various joint pain and swelling. Four of the more seriously injured officers were taken to St Luke’s Hospital for treatment for a range of injuries including a fractured nose, sprained elbow, shoulder sprain and a sprained wrist.

This incident falls just a couple weeks after two significant violent outbursts by inmates at Greene Correctional Facility which injured 8 officers.

“The vicious, unprovoked attacks by inmates against staff continues on its record pace this year and show no signs of slowing down, especially with the looming implementation of HALT. Over the past decade, despite the incarcerated population dropping by nearly half, assaults on our officers have increased by 100% thanks to the continued erosion of the discipline system by the State Legislature. It’s time for our elected officials to step up and enact policies based on reality, instead of following the latest trend or media narrative. My thoughts are with these officers and their families and I will not rest until Albany fixes this broken system they have created” – **stated Chris Moreau, NYSCOPBA Mid Hudson Region Vice President.**