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Multiple Officers Injured at Greene Correctional Facility

Inmate under the Influence of Drugs Attacks Female Officer

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Coxsackie, NY – A female officer was injured at Greene Correctional Facility last week when an inmate, apparently under the influence of drugs, attacked her in one of the dorm bathrooms of the medium security correctional facility.

On Thursday, October 28, at approximately 9:00 p.m., the officer heard someone screaming from the bathroom. She entered the bathroom and observed an inmate on the floor in a fetal position and he appeared impaired by drugs. The officer called for a staff response. The inmate, who was yelling incoherently, got up from the floor and charged the officer and pushed her outside the bathroom onto the dayroom floor of the dorm. The officer administered one round of OC Spray, which had no effect. As additional staff arrived, the inmate ran into the sleeping quarters of the dorm.

As staff pursued him into the room, another round of OC Spray was administered, which had no effect. Staff grabbed the inmate in body holds as he continued to fight. He grabbed one officer's shirt and attempted to punch him but missed. Staff forced him to the ground as he continued to violently struggle. As staff attempted to apply handcuffs, the inmate grabbed another officer's hand and wrist and slammed it into the floor as she attempted to apply one of the handcuffs.

Handcuffs were eventually applied and the inmate was removed from the dorm and brought to the medical infirmary. Medical staff determined the inmate was impaired by an unknown drug.

Uncooperative and combative with medical staff, the inmate was escorted to a Special Housing Unit pending disciplinary charges. He is serving a one to three year sentence after violating parole in 2021 on his original sentence of Criminal Possession of Stolen Property 4th in Erie County in 2014.

The female officer initially attacked, sustained pain and swelling to her upper arm, elbow and shoulder. She was treated by facility medical staff and remained on duty.

Three officers were injured subduing the inmate. One officer sustained elbow and shoulder pain. A second officer sustained hip, knee and shoulder pain. Both were treated and remained on duty.

The female officer whose hand was slammed into the ground, sustained swelling to her wrist and hand and deformity to one of her knuckles. She was transported to an outside hospital for further treatment.

“As we move towards the end of 2021, it is no surprise that we are on pace to exceed inmate on staff assaults for the fifth consecutive year. The increase coincides with the continual reduction of discipline that can be applied to inmates who attack staff or other inmates. Our elected officials, instead of taking a hard look at why these attacks are occurring at a record pace, continue to ignore the real facts. HALT and other hastily passed legislation have only created a more dangerous environment for staff and inmates who follow the rules of the facilities. Instead of sitting in their offices in Albany they need to get out and see what is really happening in our state prisons. Maybe that will open their eyes to the real reality of what is going on.” – stated, NYSCOPBA Mid-Hudson Vice President Chris Moreau.