



New York State Correctional Officers & Police Benevolent Association, Inc.

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Inmate Attacks Officer at Mid-State Correctional Facility

Two Officers Injured in Incident

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Marcy, NY – Two officers were injured at Mid-State Correctional Facility after an inmate attacked one officer who was conducting a routine frisk for contraband at the medium security correctional facility.

The attack occurred on Wednesday, October 13. The inmate had just returned to a facility building from the mess hall. An officer assigned to the building ordered the inmate to submit to a routine pat frisk. As the officer was conducting the frisk, he felt contraband in the front pants pocket of the inmate. The inmate, fearing the contraband would be found, turned around and punched the officer in the side of the face and attempted to run away. The officer grabbed the inmate and used a body hold to force him to the ground. Another staff member responded and assisted in getting the inmate in handcuffs. Once in handcuffs, the inmate became compliant.

The inmate was removed from the building and placed in a Special Housing Unit pending disciplinary charges. He is serving a three year sentence after being convicted for Assault 2nd in Kings County in 2021.

Both officers involved were treated by facility medical staff. The officer who was assaulted sustained pain and swelling to his neck and right side of the face. The officer who assisted in subduing the inmate, sustained pain and swelling to his elbow. Both remained on duty.

“Despite the weakened disciplinary system that exists in our prisons, this assault is a perfect opportunity for Oneida County District Attorney’s Office to send a strong message that attacks

on staff will not be tolerated. The inmate who committed the attack, is currently serving a three year sentence for felony assault. If the district attorney successfully prosecutes this assault on staff, it will hopefully deter similar attacks on staff in the future. ” – stated Bryan Hluska, NYSCOPBA Central Region Vice President.