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Inmate Attacks Officers at Mid-State Correctional Facility

Female Officer Sustains Multiple Injuries

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Marcy, NY – A female corrections officer sustained a broken nose and lacerations after an inmate violently attacked her at the medium security correctional facility yesterday.

The attack occurred on Thursday, November 18 at approximately 9:20 a.m. The officer was making rounds in one of the housing dorms when she approached an inmate regarding complaints she was receiving about him. The inmate immediately took an aggressive stance against her. The officer administered one round of OC Spray to the inmate, which had no effect. The inmate began striking the female officer multiple times in the face and head. He knocked her to the ground and began kicking her in the head and face.

A response was called and multiple officers responded to the attack. When the officers arrived at the scene, the injured female officer was laying on the floor and the inmate had run into the recreation room. The female officer was assisted to her feet and brought to the infirmary. Staff approached the inmate in the recreation room and ordered him to submit to a pat frisk. He ignored the orders and became aggressive with staff. OC Spray was administered again, with no effect. The officers grabbed the inmate in a body hold when he charged at them. While in a body hold, the inmate continued to swing at the officers, striking one in the face. The officers forced the inmate to the ground as he continued to be combative. The officers were able to get his arms behind his back and apply handcuffs. Once in handcuffs, he became compliant.

The female officer was treated by facility medical staff and transported to St. Elizabeth's Hospital. She was treated for a broken nose, lacerations to her nose and forehead, soreness to her neck and body pain. She received sutures to close the two lacerations. She was treated and released and did not return to duty.

A officer who responded to the attack and was punched in the face, sustained right eye swelling, limited movement in his right hand, and right knee pain. He was transported to St. Elizabeth's Hospital for treatment.

The inmate, 32, is serving a one to four year sentence after being convicted in Schenectady County in 2020 for Attempted Assault 2nd. After the attack, he was transferred to Auburn Correctional Facility.

“As the State continues to close prisons and weaken the disciplinary system, violent attacks like this continue at a record level. This brutal, vicious attack could have been even worse if it wasn’t for the quick response of staff. This presents another opportunity for the Oneida County District Attorney’s Office to prosecute and obtain a conviction so this violent inmate, who currently is only serving a one to four year sentence, understands that he cannot randomly attack and injure staff at free will. Sadly, it is literally the only deterrent left to keep staff safe. ” – stated Bryan Hluska, NYSCOPBA Central Region Vice President.