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Multiple Officers Injured at Washington Correctional Facility

One Officer Sustains Broken Orbital Bone

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Comstock, NY – An officer sustained a broken orbital bone at Washington Correctional Facility after an inmate struck him several times in the eye and face yesterday.

The attack, which also injured two other officers, occurred in the facilities school building. The officer was entering the building as the inmate was exiting. The inmate passed the officer and intentionally struck him with his shoulder. The officer ordered the inmate to subject to a pat frisk. The inmate became belligerent and when the officer approached him, he spun off the wall and punched the officer in the eye and face several times.

Two officers responded to the incident. One officer administered OC spray to the inmate with no effect. The inmate, still combative, bit the officer's left middle finger. The second officer placed the inmate in a body hold as he continued to struggle. Finally getting control, the officers forced the inmate to the ground, where handcuffs were applied.

Once in handcuffs, the inmate became compliant.

The inmate was removed from the school building and was placed in a Special Housing Unit pending disciplinary charges.

The three injured officers were evaluated by the facility medical staff.

The officer who was struck in the face sustained a laceration above his left eye, two small lacerations under his left eye, bleeding from his nose and pain to one of his fingers. He was transported to Glens Falls Hospital where he was diagnosed with an orbital fracture.

The officer who was bit sustained a small laceration to his finger, knee pain and pain and swelling to his forearm. The third officer had hand pain and swelling. Both remained on duty.

The inmate, 28, is serving a two to four year sentence after being convicted in Albany County for Burglary 3rd in 2021.

"The endless attacks on staff by inmates is sickening. Despite our countless calls for the legislature to repeal the HALT Act, the politicians who supported this ill-advised legislation remain silent. They simply have turned their backs on the men and women who risk their lives every day to keep our communities safe. Instead, they choose to pander to the inmate advocates and all they have accomplished is make an already dangerous work environment that much more dangerous. " – stated John Roberts, NYSCOPBA Northern Region Vice President.