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Officers Injured at Auburn Correctional Facility

One Officer Sustains Concussion, Second Officer Sustains Broken Nose in Attacks

Third Officer Stabbed and Sustains Puncture Wound to his Neck

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Auburn, NY – Eight officers sustained injuries, one with a broken nose, a second with a concussion and a third with a puncture wound after being stabbed, when two inmates attacked staff near the facility mess hall last week.

In all, six of the injured officers needed to be treated at Auburn Community Hospital for their injuries.

The incident occurred on Wednesday, August 10 at approximately 7:43 a.m. Two officers were escorting a disruptive inmate from the facility mess hall when the inmate suddenly turned and attacked one of the officers, punching him several times in the face. The officer defended himself as the inmate attempted to continue the attack. Several staff responded and assisted in getting the inmate in a body hold and initially forced him against the wall before forcing him to the ground. On the ground and still combative, staff were able to remove the inmate from the mess hall area.

The injured officer was transported to Auburn Community Hospital where it was determined he sustained a broken nose.

The inmate, 31, was transferred to Five Points Correctional Facility after the attack. He is serving a 23 year sentence after being convicted for Assault 1st in 2016 in Monroe County.

Simultaneously, a second inmate began shouting and aggressively approached remaining staff. An officer stepped in front of him to stop his movement and the inmate attempted to attack the officer, making a stabbing motion at the officer, striking him in the neck and face area. The officer grabbed the inmate in a body hold and forced him to the ground with the

assistance of two other officers. On the ground and still combative, the inmate held his arms under his body so staff could not apply handcuffs. Several orders were given to the inmate and he complied and released his arms. Handcuffs were applied and the inmate became compliant. The inmate was escorted out of the area.

The injured officer was taken to Auburn Hospital where it was determined that he sustained a laceration and a puncture wound that was consistent with a cutting type weapon.

The inmate, 33, was transferred to Five Points Correctional Facility following the attack. He is serving a 12 year sentence after being convicted in Nassau County for Criminal Sale of a Controlled Substance 1st and two counts of Criminal Sale of a Controlled Substance 2nd.

During both attacks, 15 inmates were observed demonstrating and making threats against staff. Once order was restored, the inmates were returned to their cells, they face disciplinary charges for their actions.

Staff recovered a make-shift weapon sharpened on one end during a search of inmates' cells following the incident.

Six other officers were injured in the attacks and four were transported to Auburn Community Hospital for further treatment, including one officer who sustained a concussion and bite to his knee that broke the skin. **(photo attached)**

"The reality is, it doesn't matter which correctional facility we are talking about, violence is plaguing all of them throughout the state daily. That is what makes Senator Luis Sepulveda, a co-sponsor of the disastrous HALT Act, comments last week questioning the seriousness of the assaults against staff so troubling. His comments, which were way off-base, is a slap in the face to the hard working men and women who wear the uniform and who have been subjected to daily violence. If six officers needing hospital treatment after this latest attack, two that still cannot return to work as a result of the injuries sustained at Auburn Correctional Facility, isn't serious, I am not sure what is! Rest assured, our members will not forget the legislators who supported this horrendous law come election time in November. The Citizens of New York need to elect representatives who support members of law enforcement. They deserve nothing less."
– stated Kenny Gold, Western Region Vice President.

