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Staff Injured at Marcy Correctional Facility

Razor Recovered After Inmate Attacks Staff

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Marcy, NY – Two officers and a sergeant were injured at Marcy Correctional Facility last week after an inmate bit one officer and fought with staff who were attempting to recover contraband the inmate had hidden on him.

The incident occurred on Thursday, August 18. An officer assigned to one of the dorm buildings ordered the inmate to submit to a pat frisk. Initially, the officer felt a bulge inside of the inmates pants near his groin. The inmate was placed in handcuffs and escorted to the frisk area of the gymnasium. The handcuffs were removed so a complete frisk could be completed. Once the handcuffs were removed, the inmate reached into his underwear and grabbed an unknown object. One of the officers grabbed the inmate's hand so he couldn't discard the contraband. The inmate was able to get the officer's hand near his mouth and bit down on his hand. The officer was able to break free. The inmate attempted to run out of the gymnasium with the contraband still in his hand. Staff grabbed him in body holds, forced him against the wall and then to the floor. On the floor and still attempting to kick staff, he attempted to swallow the object in his hand. OC spray was administered with no effect.

Additional staff arrived in the gymnasium and assisted in controlling the inmate on the floor. Once under control, handcuffs were applied and the inmate became compliant.

He was removed from the gymnasium and brought to the infirmary for evaluation and decontamination.

Staff recovered a razor blade that was attached to a pen barrel that the inmate dropped to the floor of the gymnasium.

The inmate, who was placed in a Special Housing Unit pending disciplinary charges following the attack, is serving a 15 year sentence after being convicted in Schenectady County in 2013 for

Assault 1st and Assault 2nd. He was convicted after he shot a man following a robbery attempt in 2013. He also assaulted a county correction's officer while in jail for the shooting and robbery.

The injured officers and sergeant were treated by facility medical staff. The officer who was bit, sustained a puncture wound to his hand and was transported to St. Elizabeth's Hospital for exposure.

The second officer and sergeant were treated for knee, hip, ankle and elbow injuries and remained on duty.

"The stark reality is that medium security prisons like Marcy have become just as dangerous as maximum security facilities with the disciplinary system completely watered down. We have passed the half-way point of 2022 and assaults on staff continue to skyrocket towards record levels with no relief in sight. This is a direct result of the legislature passing the ill-advised HALT Act. Until the legislators who supported ACT recognize its failure and the need to repeal or alter it dramatically, the violence will continue." – stated Bryan Hluska, NYSCOPBA Central Region Vice President.