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## ***“Keeping New York Safe”***

### ***Another Officer Injured at Sing Sing Correctional Facility***

*Second Assault in Consecutive Days Sends Officer to Hospital*

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**Ossining, NY** – A second assault in as many days injured another officer at the maximum security correctional facility sending the officer to a local hospital for treatment of his injuries.

On Tuesday, September 6, an officer was securing cells on one of the cell blocks. He attempted to close the cell door with an inmate inside the cell. The inmate grabbed the cell gate and began to force it in the opposite direction, slamming the officer’s left hand and wrist between the gate and the cell bars. The inmate slammed the gate a second time against the officer’s hand. The officer called for a response and administered OC spray to the inmate. The OC spray had no effect and the inmate charged the officer, slamming him into the steel fencing and grabbed him attempting to pull him towards the cell. The officer was able to grab the inmate in a body hold and force him to the floor and hold him there until additional staff arrived.

Once additional officers arrived, the inmate was placed in handcuffs and removed from the cell block.

The officer sustained injuries to his left hand, wrist and fingers. He was transported to Phelps Hospital for treatment and did not return to duty.

The inmate, 49, was placed in a Special Housing Unit pending disciplinary charges. He is serving a 25 year sentence after being convicted for Manslaughter 1<sup>st</sup> in Chautauqua County in 2014. He was convicted after beating and stabbing an 81 year old neighbor to death in 2010.

“Another day, another assault on staff in our correctional facilities. Our members are under siege daily at the hands of violent inmates who know there are no repercussions if they attack staff. This solely sits in the laps of the state legislators who supported and pushed the HALT Act through. They need to start taking responsibility for the increased violence and stop denying that HALT was a disastrous piece of legislation. Hopefully they realize that in the November elections.” – Stated Dave Luther, NYSCOPBA Southern Region Vice President.