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Multiple Staff Have Feces, Urine Thrown On Them at Coxsackie Correctional Facility

Two Officers Treated at Albany Medical Center for Significant Exposure

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Coxsackie, NY – In two separate incidents, multiple staff at Coxsackie Correctional Facility had urine and feces thrown on them by inmates who were inside their cells at the maximum security correctional facility last week.

On Tuesday, September 20, two officers were attempting to secure a cell window hatch in one of the cell blocks when an inmate inside the cell threw a liquid that contained feces on both officers. One officer was struck by the liquid in the face, mouth, head and body. The second officer was struck in the head, back and shoulder. Both officers were relieved of duty and were treated by facility medical staff. It was determined that both officers had significant exposure to human waste and were transported to Albany Medical Center for further treatment.

The inmate involved in the attack remained locked in his cell and faces disciplinary charges in the incident.

The second attacked occurred on the same day. An inmate in his cell reached out the cell door and ignited a fire in one of the garbage cans on the cell block. Staff immediately extinguished the fire. Multiple inmates on the cell block began throwing trash and an unknown liquid out of the cells. Officers immediately attempted to close the cell hatches to stop the inmates from throwing. Several of the inmates began throwing brown liquid believed to contain feces and urine at the officers, striking all of them.

Once order was restored, the inmate who began the fire was ordered out of his cell. He refused several staff orders to exit his cell. An extraction team was called in and chemical agents were utilized and had the desired effect and the inmate became compliant. The inmate was removed from his cell and escorted to the infirmary. Inside the infirmary, staff attempted to frisk the inmate for contraband. The inmate attempted to grab a weapon from his waistband. Staff immediately grabbed him in a body hold, forced him against the wall before forcing him the ground.

On the ground and still combative with staff, handcuffs were applied and the inmate became compliant again.

Staff recovered a sharpened piece of Plexiglas that the inmate had hidden in his waistband.

Four officers were injured while subduing the inmate. They sustained hip, groin, wrist, back and shoulder injuries. They were treated by facility medical staff and remained on duty.

The inmate is serving a six year sentence after being convicted for Assault 2nd in Wayne County in 2019. In that incident, he was arrested for attacking and injuring three county correction officers while in the Wayne County Jail on an unrelated charge.

“Supporters like Senators Sepulveda and Salazar claim that the sharp increase in violence since HALT was enacted are being overblown and are misleading. I would ask both Senators if being the subject of daily attacks and having urine and feces thrown in your face and mouth is an exaggeration? These are the conditions our members have to deal with every day they go to work. Previous to HALT, the working conditions were difficult. Now with a disciplinary system completely stripped of any consequences for your actions, the level of danger is unprecedented. These are the facts, not some elaborate story we concoct. The legislators who voted for and supported HALT are responsible for the conditions that now exist and they need to correct it. ” -stated Chris Moreau, NYSCOPBA Mid-Hudson Region Vice President.