



New York State Correctional Officers & Police Benevolent Association, Inc.

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Officers Injured at Sing Sing Correctional Facility

Violence Continues to Plague Facility

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Ossining, NY – Two officers were injured when an inmate attacked them and a third officer sustained injuries helping subduing the combative inmate at the maximum security correctional facility this week.

On Wednesday, October 12, an inmate exited his cell to head to the mess hall for dinner. The inmate approached an officer in the cell block and confronted her. She ordered the inmate to return to his cell. He refused and became verbally abusive. The officer attempted to open the inmate’s cell door. He grabbed the door and violently slammed it into the officer’s shoulder. The officer called for a response. A second officer arrived at the scene and the inmate immediately attacked him, punching him in the left side of the face. The officer grabbed the inmate in a body hold and forced him to the ground. On the ground and still combative, the inmate kicked the female officer in the knee.

A third officer arrived at the scene and was able to apply handcuffs to the inmate’s wrists. Once in handcuffs, the inmate became compliant. He was brought to his feet and escorted to the infirmary for evaluation.

The inmate, 29, faces internal disciplinary charges and was locked in a diversion cell. He is serving a 15 year sentence after being convicted in New York County for Assault 1st and Criminal Possession of a Weapon 2nd in 2017.

The injured female officer sustained pain and swelling to her shoulder and knee. The second officer sustained pain to his upper and lower back.

The third officer sustained pain to his knee and wrist subduing the inmate on the floor.

All three officers were treated by medical staff at the facility and remained on duty.

“Violence continues to plague Sing Sing Correctional Facility. In recent weeks, attacks on staff by inmates has escalated and it has made the work environment for our members extremely dangerous. This is a direct result of the reckless HALT Act. The legislators who supported HALT need to be held accountable for turning their back on the officers who keep our communities safe across this state. They need to amend or repeal the HALT Act now before one of your members eventually gets killed in an attack. The inmates know there is no longer accountability for assaulting staff and they have become more embolden in their attacks.” – Stated Dave Luther, NYSCOPBA Southern Region Vice President.