



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

“Keeping New York Safe”

Officer Injured at Riverview Correctional Facility

Inmate Convicted for Attempted Murder Attacks Officer in Dorm

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Ogdensburg, NY – An inmate serving an eight year sentence for attempted murder attacked and injured an officer last Thursday at the medium security correctional facility.

The officer was counseling the inmate at the officer’s station in one of the dorms when the inmate suddenly lunged at the officer over the podium, knocking the officer to the ground. The officer landed on his back and shoulder and the inmate began striking him multiple times in the head and body. The officer grabbed the inmate in a body hold on the floor as the inmate continued to be combative. The officer was able to administer multiple applications of OC spray. Initially, the OC spray had no effect. After the last application, the inmate became compliant. He was placed in handcuffs and removed from the dorm.

The injured officer was treated at the facility by medical staff and transported to Claxton Hepburn Medical Center. He was treated for back and shoulder pain, pain and swelling to the back of his head and left ear. He did not return to duty.

The inmate, 25, was placed in a Special Housing Unit pending disciplinary charges. In 2020 he was convicted for Attempted Murder 2nd in Erie County in connection with shooting a man multiple times in Buffalo in September of 2019.

“It is my sincere hope that on November 8 voters take into account the legislators who have supported legislation like bail reform and the HALT Act, which have only weakened our criminal justice system and increased crime in our communities and attacks on staff inside our prisons. Those legislators need to be voted out of office for their lack of support of the men and women who have sworn to protect them. Since HALT went into effect on April 1, assaults

on staff have risen nearly 40 percent. That is simply unacceptable and the New York State Legislature needs to act immediately to address the violence before someone gets critically injured or killed.” - said, John Roberts NYSCOPBA Northern Region Vice President.