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Inmate Cuts Officer's Arm at Upstate Correctional Facility

Staff Recover Scalpel Used in Attack

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Malone, NY – An inmate, who was previously caught with a make-shift weapon, cut an officer with a ceramic scalpel Monday at the maximum security prison.

The officer was conducting a security watch of the inmate, who was in a holding cell. The officer began to collect inmate food trays and approached the holding cell. The inmate reached through the cell hatch door and cut the officer's forearm with an unknown weapon.

The injured officer immediately called for assistance. When additional staff arrived, they began to escort the inmate from the holding cell when a ceramic scalpel fell to the ground from one of his pant legs.

The weapon was seized as evidence by staff.

The officer was treated by medical staff at the facility and transported to Alice Hyde Medical Center for treatment.

The inmate, 23, is serving a nine year sentence after being convicted in Bronx County in 2018 for Criminal Sexual Act 1st and Burglary 1st. He was transferred to Clinton Correctional Facility after the incident.

Prior to Monday's attack, officers also recovered a sharpened plastic shank the inmate had hidden inside his pants on Saturday, October 8.

"Contraband, especially make-shift weapons, are still a dangerous problem for our members in prisons across the state. DOCCS has taken steps to reducing the amount of contraband making its way into the hands of inmates by reinstalling the Secure Vendor Program. It is a step in the right direction to reducing contraband, but the unfortunate reality is, make-shift weapons in the hands of inmates will always create a dangerous environment for staff. It is why they have one of the most dangerous jobs in law enforcement and deserve the entire support of our elected officials." - said, John Roberts NYSCOPBA Northern Region Vice President.