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Inmate Critically Injured at Five Points Correctional Facility

Stabbed Multiple Times by Two Inmates

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Romulus, NY – An inmate was critically injured after he was stabbed and cut multiple times by two inmates who are serving lengthy sentences for manslaughter at the maximum security correctional facility.

On Sunday, October 2, an officer was supervising inmate recreation when he observed two inmates exchanging punches to the head and body with another inmate. The inmates were ordered to stop fighting but ignored the officer’s orders. The office called for a staff response to the fight. He then witnessed the one inmate being pulled to the ground by the other two and one of the inmates making multiple stabbing motions.

When additional staff arrived on the scene, the three inmates ceased fighting and became compliant. During the fight, an officer witnessed one of the inmates throw a weapon to the ground. It was recovered by staff. It was an icepick type weapon with two metal pieces tied together and sharpened on one end.

The three inmates were removed from recreation and brought to the infirmary for evaluation. Medical staff discovered multiple puncture wounds to the back of the inmate who was initially attacked. He also had multiple facial and head lacerations.

Initially, because of the severity of his injuries, the inmate was going to be airlifted to a local hospital. His condition deteriorated and he was transferred by ambulance to Geneva Hospital, which was closer to the facility.

State police were notified of the attack and responded to the facility. The weapon used in the attack was turned over as evidence.

During the investigation, it was determined that an unknown cutting weapon was used to cut the inmate's face and head. That weapon was not recovered.

The two inmates involved in the attack face internal disciplinary charges. They are both serving lengthy sentences after being convicted for Manslaughter 1st in Kings and Queens Counties respectively.

“HALT advocates like Senators’ Sepulveda and Salazar continue to downplay the violence that exists since the HALT Act went into effect on April 1st. They consistently make misleading claims that the HALT Act will reduce violence. If there ever was a glaring example that those claims are false is this incident at Five Points. The inmate who was attacked is very lucky to be alive today thanks to the quick actions of the beaten down employees at Five Points. In addition to this latest violence, attacks on staff have increased nearly 40 percent since April 1st. Senators’ Sepulveda and Salazar are simply not recognizing the gravity of violence that now exists since they forced this reckless legislation into our prisons. The protections that exist for staff and inmates are so watered down now there is no longer any deterrent from inmates committing unprovoked attacks. To put into perspective, the inmates involved would never have been put in the same recreation areas if the HALT act wasn’t implemented. Furthermore, the same inmates who were involved were right back in recreation areas the very next day. How safe does that sound for anyone working or residing in our state prisons?” – Stated Kenny Gold, NYSCOPBA Western Region Vice President.