



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

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## ***"Keeping New York Safe"***

### ***Multiple Officers Injured at Five Points Correctional Facility***

*Two Inmate Assaults Send One Officer to Hospital with Injuries*

#### **For Immediate Release**

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**Romulus, NY** – Four officers were injured in two separate inmate attacks at the maximum security correctional facility last week, sending one injured officer to Cayuga Medical Center for treatment of eye and facial injuries.

On Wednesday, October 26, an inmate who was assigned to work in the kitchen, told one of the officers he wanted to return to his cell. The officer told the inmate he needed to wait, which agitated him. He took an aggressive stance towards two officers assigned in the kitchen. He grabbed a five gallon bucket that contained hot water from a steamer and threw it at the two officers, striking one officer in the lower leg. OC spray was administered several times but it had no effect. The two officers called for assistance as the inmate attempted to fill the bucket with hot water a second time. When additional staff arrived, officers grabbed the inmate in an upper body hold and forced him to the floor. Still combative and thrashing on the floor, the officers were able to get handcuffs applied to the inmate.

Once in handcuffs, the inmate became compliant. The inmate was brought to his feet and escorted to a holding cell for decontamination.

The inmate, 66, was convicted of Attempted Murder 2<sup>nd</sup> in New York County in 2022. He is serving a 16 years to life sentence.

After the incident, he was placed in a Special Housing Unit pending internal disciplinary charges.

Two officers were injured in the attack. The officer who was struck with hot water sustained pain, swelling and burns to his lower leg.

The second officer sustained pain and swelling to his hip subduing the inmate. Both officers were treated by medical staff at the facility and remained on duty.

The following day, an officer assigned to a cell block observed an inmate outside his cell passing items from cell to cell to other inmates. He ordered the inmate to return to his cell and lock in. The inmate ignored the orders and took an aggressive stance against the officer. The officer administered OC spray to the inmate, which had no effect. The inmate immediately attacked the officer and punched him multiple times in the face and head. As the assault continued, two officers arrived at the cell block and grabbed the inmate in a body hold and forced him to the ground. The inmate remained combative on the floor and ripped one of the officer's shirt partially off. Handcuffs were eventually applied after the inmate was brought under control.

Once in handcuffs, the inmate became compliant.

The inmate, 47, was brought to his feet and escorted to a holding cell. He is serving a 16 year to life sentence after being convicted in Kings County in 2005 for Attempted Criminal Sexual Act 1<sup>st</sup>.

Following the attack, the inmate was transferred to Marcy Correctional Facility.

The officer initially attacked sustained pain and swelling to his eye and orbital bone, blurry vision and pain and swelling to his head. He was transferred to Cayuga Medical Center for treatment. He did not return to duty.

A second officer was injured subduing the inmate. He sustained pain and swelling to his hand and elbow and was treated at the facility by medical staff. He remained on duty.

“With only five days left until the election, voters can send a clear message to Albany that the current crime wave and violence that is occurring across the state and in our prisons needs to be addressed immediately by representatives who support law enforcement and not criminals and convicted felons. We have seen firsthand what the dangerous HALT Act and other progressive criminal justice policies the State Legislature enacted have done to the safety of law enforcement officers across the state. There is no denying the crime statistics since these horrible policies had been enacted. We all are living in a much more dangerous state, including correctional facilities like Five Points as a result. Hopefully the voters will take that into account when going to the polls on Tuesday and elect common sense leaders that make it a priority to protect those who protect them like every member that steps into our state prisons.”– Stated Kenny Gold, NYSCOPBA Western Region Vice President.