



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

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Two Officers Injured at Sing Sing Correctional Facility

Repeat Offender Attacks Officer in Cell Block

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Ossining, NY – A 31 year old inmate who is on his second term in prison for robbery, attacked an officer after he refused to return to his cell while returning from his morning meal.

The attack occurred on Tuesday, November 1. The inmate returned to the cell block from the morning meal and was instructed by the officer to return to his cell and to lock in. The inmate refused and became agitated, approached the officer and struck him in the side of the face. The officer immediately placed him in a body hold and forced the inmate to the ground. The inmate was able to force his way free and get back on his feet. A second officer observed the attack and called for assistance. The officer administered OC spray to the inmate, which had no effect. The first officer again grabbed the inmate in a body hold and forced him to the floor. With the assistance of the second officer, handcuffs were applied to the inmate.

Once in handcuffs, the inmate became compliant.

The inmate was escorted to the facility medical clinic to be evaluated and decontaminated.

The officer who was struck in the face sustained pain and swelling to the left side of the face and injured his foot.

The assisting officer sustained knee and ankle pain subduing the inmate.

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

The inmate is serving a two to four year sentence after being convicted in Bronx County for Robbery 3rd and two counts of Attempted Robbery 3rd. He previously served a four year sentence for robbery in 2014.

“With approximately eight weeks left in the calendar year, inmate assaults on staff shattered last year’s record year for assaults by the end of October. Assaults on staff now stand at 1231, breaking last year’s record of 1177. Assaults on staff are up nearly 30 percent since the HALT Act went into effect on April 1 and there is no indication that those numbers will not continue to climb. With the elections now in the rearview, it is our hope that common sense prevails and the Governor and the State Legislature will address the violence, amend the HALT Act and provide a safer working environment for correctional facility staff. Those officers unequivocally deserve their support.” – stated Dave Luther, NYSCOPBA Southern Region Vice President.