



# **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***

*Repeat Offender Attacks Officer in Facility Hospital*

**For Immediate Release**

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**Romulus, NY** – A 31 year old inmate who is on his second term in prison, attacked officers in the facility hospital, sending one officer to a local hospital for a possible concussion last week.

The attack occurred on Tuesday, November 8. The inmate was being housed in a hospital room at the facility to be monitored for self-harm. When officers entered the room, the inmate turned and charged at staff, pushing his way out of the room. OC spray was immediately administered but had no effect. The inmate began wildly throwing punches at staff, striking two officers in the head and temple area. The officers grabbed the inmate in a body hold and forced him to the floor. On the floor and still extremely combative with staff, the inmate was brought under control when officers forcibly applied handcuffs.

The inmate was brought to his feet and escorted out of the hospital for decontamination.

Four officers were injured in the attack.

One officer had pain and swelling to the right side of his face. A second officer had decreased motion in his elbow and shoulder. A third officer had a small laceration to one of his fingers.

The three officers were treated by facility medical staff and remained on duty.

The fourth officer had swelling to his forehead, knee pain with decreased motion and was sluggish and disorientated. He was transported to Auburn Community Hospital for treatment of a possible concussion. He did not return to duty.

The inmate, is serving a 23 year sentence after being convicted in Monroe County for Assault 1<sup>st</sup> in 2016. He previously served a two year sentence in 2012 for attempted robbery.

“Assaults on staff now stand at 1231 this year and are rapidly climbing with two months left in 2022. We have easily shattered the all-time high set last year of 1177 assaults on staff, and unless significant changes are made to increase staff safety, there is no doubt that 2023 will set another record. These assaults are up nearly 30 percent since the HALT Act went into effect on April 1st, and specifically at Five Points this has become the daily norm just like many other correctional facilities across the state. With the elections now in the rearview, common sense needs to prevail and the Governor as well as the State Legislature must address the violence, get rid of the HALT Act and provide our members a safer work environment that they deserve. Nobody should ever have to go to work expecting to be assaulted by a convicted felon, and this is how every NYSCOPBA member feels daily.” -stated Kenny Gold, NYSCOPBA Western Region Vice President.