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***“Keeping New York Safe”***

***Inmate Assaults Staff at Five Points Correctional Facility***

*Convicted Murderer Injures Sergeant, Officer in Attack*

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Romulus, NY – A 33 year old inmate who is on his second term in prison, injured a sergeant and an officer after he attacked them when he refused to leave programming at the maximum security correctional facility.

On Friday, November 25, the inmate refused orders to leave programming and began to threaten staff. A sergeant at the facility responded to the incident. The inmate suddenly lunged at the sergeant when the sergeant approached him. The sergeant and an officer grabbed the inmate in a body hold and forced him to the ground. On the ground and still combative, the inmate was able to strike the sergeant several times in the head and face. OC spray was administered to the inmate, who continued to struggle with staff. A second officer responded and assisted the sergeant and officer in applying handcuffs to the inmate.

Once in handcuffs, the inmate became compliant and was escorted to be decontaminated.

The sergeant sustained pain and swelling to his face and hand and was transported to an outside hospital for treatment.

The initial officer in the attack sustained pain and swelling to his left elbow and was treated by facility medical staff and remained on duty.

The inmate is serving a 32 years to life sentence after being convicted in Kings County in 2012 for Murder 2<sup>nd</sup>, Manslaughter 2<sup>nd</sup>, and Burglary 1<sup>st</sup>. He previously served time for drug possession in 2007.

“Today we continue to add to the assault on staff count at Five Points Correctional Facility. An officer and sergeant were attacked and injured by an inmate who is on his second stint in state prison. This wave of attacks on staff at Five Points and other facilities across the state continue to happen daily as the inmates know there isn’t a disciplinary system that has teeth to it and actually serves as a deterrent for attacking staff or other inmates. The State Legislature refuses to recognize the disastrous effect the HALT Act has had and are more worried about how much peanut butter costs at commissary rather than keeping everyone inside the state prisons safe.”  
-stated Kenny Gold, NYSCOPBA Western Region Vice President.