



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

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## ***“Keeping New York Safe”***

### **Three Officers Attacked at Sing Sing Correctional Facility**

*Officers Transported to Local Hospital for Injuries*

#### **For Immediate Release**

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**Ossining, NY** - Two female officers and one male officer were taken to a local hospital with injuries sustained when an inmate initially attacked one of the female officers and continued fighting with officers who attempted to subdue him at Sing Sing Correctional Facility.

On Monday, December 5, the inmate was walking through a metal detector on his way to the recreation yard. The female officer asked for his identification card and he indicated he didn't have it on him. She ordered him to return to his cell. Initially he began to walk up the stairs, turned suddenly and punched the officer in the face. The officer immediately administered OC spray, which had no effect. She called for a response as the inmate continued to be assaultive.

A second female officer arrived and grabbed the inmate in a body hold and forced him to the ground. Still extremely combative, the inmate kicked that officer in the leg and was able to grab a portion of the first officer's hair and pull it from her scalp.

Additional staff arrived and were able to apply handcuffs to the inmate's wrists. Still combative, he was brought to his feet and attempted to head-butt one of the officers but was unsuccessful.

The inmate was escorted from the area to be evaluated and decontaminated.

The officer who was initially assaulted sustained eye, face, knee and leg pain and swelling.

The second officer who responded sustained leg and ankle injuries.

A third officer sustained arm, shoulder and wrist pain.

The three officers were initially treated by facility medical staff and were transported to Phelps Hospital for further treatment and did not return to duty.

The inmate, 32, was convicted of two counts of Manslaughter 1st in Queens County in 2017. He killed two men in a robbery attempt. He is serving a 35 year sentence.

The inmate was transferred to Green Haven Correctional Facility after the attack.

“As we near the end of a record year for inmate assaults on staff, we now have three more officers added to the total after another violent assault at Sing Sing. The State Legislators need to wake up and realize the ridiculous HALT Act they enacted has only contributed to more violence in our prisons. Unfortunately in 2023, we will continue to see much of the same unless changes are made to enhance the safety of staff.” - Stated Dave Luther, NYSCOPBA Southern Region Vice President.