



**New York State Correctional Officers  
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## ***Officers Injured at Riverview Correctional Facility***

*Three Time Offender Attacks Officers in Facility Dorm*

### **For Immediate Release**

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**Ogdensburg, NY** – An inmate, serving his third stint in prison, assaulted and injured three officers at the medium security correctional facility on Tuesday.

Initially, an officer assigned to one of the dorms observed the inmate exit the dorm bathroom. The inmate approached and stepped up onto the officer's podium. The officer ordered the inmate to step down from the podium, which he refused to do. The inmate grabbed the officer's legs with both arms. The officer activated her alarm and was able to kick the inmate off her. Several uninvolved inmates approached and grabbed the inmate and pulled him away from the female officer. The inmate broke free from the other inmates and approached the podium again and grabbed the officer's legs once more. The officer again struck the inmate in the chest with her foot. The inmates who attempted to help the officer, grabbed the combative inmate again and pulled him out into the recreation room.

A response team responded to the recreation room. The first officer attempted to apply handcuffs to the inmate. The inmate grabbed the officer around the legs and refused to let go of his grip. Two additional officers entered the room and attempted to get the inmate to release his grip on the legs of the first officer. Still combative, the inmate elbowed one of the officers in the mouth and kicked the second officer in the foot. The officers were able to get the inmate into handcuffs.

Once in handcuffs, the inmate became compliant.

The inmate was removed from the recreation room and placed in a cell pending disciplinary charges. He was interviewed by staff and admitted to smoking an unknown substance in the bathroom prior to the incident. He is serving a nine year sentence after being convicted in Suffolk County in 2015 for Burglary 2<sup>nd</sup>. He previously served time in prison for Burglary and Arson.

Three officers were injured in the attack. The first officer sustained pain and swelling to her arm and leg. The second officer who was elbowed in the mouth sustained a smaller laceration to his lip. The third officer sustained a minor injury to his toe. All three officers were treated by facility medical staff and remained on duty.

“As we begin 2023, we continue to follow the same pattern of inmate violence that occurred in 2022. Assaults on staff since the HALT Act was introduced, have risen roughly 31 percent. The number of inmate on staff and inmate on inmate assaults rose to historic levels last year. Without any change to the HALT legislation and without the proper resources for staff, those numbers will continue into the New Year. The State Legislature needs to take immediate action to address the violence. The failure to do so is an injustice to the hard working men and women who put their lives on the line every day to protect New York.” - said, John Roberts NYSCOPBA Northern Region Vice President.