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Staff Injured at Marcy Correctional Facility

Four Officers Transported to Local Hospital for Injuries

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Marcy, NY – Multiple officers were injured at Marcy Correctional Facility to begin the new year at the hands of three inmates who have served multiple stints in state prison.

The first incident occurred on Thursday, January 5. An officer was escorting an inmate out of a dorm facility after the inmate had been involved in a fight with another inmate. During the escort, the inmate abruptly turned around and struck the officer in the shoulder. The officer immediately grabbed the inmate in a body hold and forced him to the ground. On the ground and still combative, the inmate struck the officer several more times in the chest. The officer administered OC spray to the inmate, which had the desired effect.

The inmate was placed in handcuffs and escorted to the infirmary to be decontaminated.

The inmate, 56, who is on his fourth stint in prison, was later transferred to Five Points Correctional Facility.

The officer sustained a minor injury to his hand and was treated at the facility and remained on duty.

The second attack occurred the following day. A sergeant was interviewing an inmate in the foyer of a dorm. During the interview, the inmate became irate and struck the sergeant in the chin. The sergeant administered OC spray, which had no effect. The inmate attempted to assault the sergeant several more times and was unsuccessful. The sergeant grabbed the inmate in a body hold and forced him to the ground. Once on the ground, the inmate became compliant. The inmate was escorted from the foyer after being placed in handcuffs.

The sergeant was treated by facility medical staff for pain in his shoulder and hand. He remained on duty.

The inmate is serving his fourth stint in prison for grand larceny. He is currently serving two to six years.

The same day another attack on staff occurred. An inmate was being escorted by staff for observation after making threats to hurt himself. During the escort, the inmate struck an officer in the face. During the attack, the inmate struck a sergeant and three other officers in the face. OC spray was administered by staff with no effect. The inmate was placed in a body hold and forced to the ground. On the ground he remained combative and kicked, punched and spit at staff. Eventually staff were able to get the inmate under control and into restraints. Once in restraints, the inmate was placed in an observation cell.

Two sergeants sustained injuries to their face, hand and eye. Both remained on duty.

Four officers were transported to St. Luke's Medical Center for treatment of head, neck, back and hip injuries. The officers did not return to duty.

"The new year is starting off just like last year ended – countless attacks on staff that cause serious enough injuries that treatment is needed at outside hospitals. This is going to continue until the New York State Legislature realizes that their failed policies like the HALT Act, have only made our correctional facilities more dangerous. Prior to HALT, the facilities were already unsafe. All they have done is create an explosion of violence that comes at the expense of the men and women who work in the facilities and that is unacceptable." – stated Bryan Hluska, NYSCOPBA Central Region Vice President.