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Violence Attacks and Hand-Crafted Weapons Continue to Plague Mid-State Correctional Facility

Over a Dozen Serious Incidents in Just Over a Two-Week Span Reported at the Medium-Security Facility

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Marcy, NY – Over the past two-and-a-half-weeks, fifteen serious incidents which included: officers assaulted, inmate fights, dangerous weapons discovered, and unruly behavior were reported at Mid-State Correctional Facility in Marcy. These incidents are among hundreds of others across the State this year and follow the same trend of increased violence in New York’s correctional facilities since the enactment of the HALT Act.

According to state-maintained data, since HALT was implemented in New York’s prisons in April 2022, violent assaults have increased over 30%, with inmate-on-staff assaults rising over 33% and inmate-on-inmate assaults up 28%. The data also shows that so far in 2023, overall prison violence remains at that significantly higher rate.

The incidents reported at Mid-State Correctional Facility are listed below:

Thursday January 26th: Officers recovered a white sock stuffed with a combination lock and a sharpened piece of metal while conducting a cube frisk.

Thursday January 26th: An inmate was slashed in the face with an unknown object by an unknown incarcerated individual and the inmate was transported to St Elizabeth’s Hospital for further treatment. The cutting weapon remains unfound.

Friday January 27th: One inmate attacked another inmate as an officer was escorting them to the ID room for processing. Minor injuries reported and the officer remained on duty.

Friday January 27th: Officers recovered a shank-type weapon was during a routine cell frisk.

Saturday January 28th: An inmate was slashed in the face with an unknown object by an unknown incarcerated individual. The cutting weapon remains unfound.

Monday January 30th: While delivering meals to inmates in the Step-Down Units, two officers had a urine filled cup hurled at them from an inmate. Both officers were examined by facility medical and remained on duty.

Monday February 6th: An inmate was slashed in the face with an unknown object by an unknown incarcerated individual. The cutting weapon has not been recovered.

Tuesday February 7th: An inmate already being housed in the Step-Down Unit was being escorted to an appointment when he suddenly attacked officers, elbowing one in the face, and tried to bite several responding officers. After a brief struggle, officers were able to gain control of the inmate and place him in handcuffs. While in handcuffs, the inmate continued his refusal to comply and yelled "I'll kill all of you!" at the officers and nearby staff. Two officers were transported to St Luke's Hospital for further treatment. One officer suffered a broken hand and the other suffered a torn hamstring. Both did not return to duty. Two other officers suffered minor injuries yet remained on duty.

Wednesday February 8th: An inmate was assaulted by an unknown inmate during a fight. The inmate was transported to the hospital for treatment of a broken jaw.

Thursday February 9th: An inmate already being housed in the Step-Down Unit became violent during his rehabilitation programming, aggressively grabbing an officer by the shirt. A struggle ensued where the inmate and the officer went to the ground, and ultimately the inmate was compliant with officers.

Thursday February 9th: Officers recovered a sharpened-to-a-point toothbrush from an inmate's pants pocket during a random pat frisk.

Friday February 10th: While delivering meals to inmate housed in the Step-Down Units, two officers had a urine and feces-filled cup thrown at them from an inmate. Both officers were struck by the substance, one in the face. The two officers were transported to St Luke's Hospital for treatment.

Friday February 10th: Officers recovered a sharpened piece of metal with one end wrapped with tape from an inmate's jacket pocket during a routine pat frisk before programming.

Sunday February 12th: An inmate already being housed in the Step-Down Units attacked several officers as they entered his cell. Four officers sustained minor injuries, and all remained on duty.

Monday February 13th: An inmate was attacked and punched in the face by an unknown incarcerated individual while lying in his bed. The inmate was transported to St. Elizabeth's Hospital for treatment of a broken nose.

"This year is picking up where last year left off as violent acts in our prisons are on another record setting pace. The working and living environments at Mid-State, which is a medium-security facility, are as dangerous as ever. Violent assaults, disgusting acts of throwing urine and feces at staff, and caches of deadly weapons being discovered are just some of the horrific conditions both staff and the incarcerated community face daily. New York State Senator Julia Salazar continues to tout her visits to prisons, Mid-State Correctional Facility specifically, and claims she didn't hear any complaints of increased violence. I can assure you, she either doesn't open her eyes during her visits or stay long enough to really experience how her HALT Act has

made prisons more dangerous than ever before.”- stated Bryan Hluska, NYSCOPBA Central Region Vice President.