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## ***Multiple Officers Injured at Attica Correctional Facility***

*Two Separate Attacks Sends Two Officers to Local Hospital*

### **For Immediate Release**

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**Attica, NY** – Multiple staff were injured at Attica Correctional Facility in two separate attacks that sent two officers to a local hospital to be treated for their injuries.

The first attack occurred on Wednesday, January 25. A gate was being opened to accommodate inmate movement when an inmate aggressively pushed the gate open and turned around and struck the officer who was working the gate in the face. A second officer, who was nearby responded. The inmate attempted to retreat back through the gate and was grabbed by staff in a body hold. The inmate continued to violently fight with several officers who were attempting to subdue him and get him to the ground. After struggling with the inmate for several minutes, staff were able to get the inmate on the ground. He continued to violently fight with officers on the ground. OC spray was administered with no effect.

After struggling with the inmate, staff were able to contain his legs and arms and apply handcuffs. Once in handcuffs, the inmate was removed from the area and brought to medical for evaluation.

Five officers were injured in the attack. The officer who was initially punched in the face sustained face and ear pain, dizziness, blurred vision and a headache. She was transported to a local hospital for treatment. An officer who responded to the incident sustained knee and elbow injuries and was also transported to a local hospital for further treatment.

Three additional officers sustained injuries subduing the inmate and getting him handcuffed. They sustained knee, arm, and hand injuries. They were treated by facility medical staff and remained on duty.

The inmate, 40, is serving a 50 years to life sentence after being convicted in Nassau County for Murder 1<sup>st</sup> and Attempted Murder 2<sup>nd</sup>. He was arrested in 2017 in connection with the murder of his mother, sister and sister's friend.

The second incident occurred on Thursday, February 16. Two officers were conducting the inmate count in a cell block when they approached the cell of one inmate and noticed the inmate had a braided bed sheet that appeared to be tied around his neck on one end and tied to the cell bars on the other end. Initially, the inmate began to slouch down giving the appearance that the sheet was tightening around his neck. The cell door was opened and four officers entered the cell in an emergency medical response. When they entered, they realized the inmate had staged the suicide attempt so he could get staff into the cell and attack them. He turned and punched one officer twice in the shoulder. The inmate was grabbed in a body hold by the officers and was forced onto his bed. Still struggling with officers, handcuffs were able to be applied.

Once in handcuffs, the inmate became compliant and he was removed from the cell.

Two officers were injured in the incident. One officer has pain and swelling to his wrist. The officer who was punched, sustained shoulder and chest pain. Both officers were treated by facility medical staff and remained on duty.

“Two months into the new year and assaults on staff are occurring at a similar pace to last year, which set a record for the number of assaults on staff. Seven more officers will be added to that growing list. These attacks by inmates continue, this time sending a female officer to the hospital. Thankfully none of the other officers sustained serious injuries but there is no guarantee that the next assault on staff isn’t going to result in one of our members getting killed. All this is occurring while certain members of the State Legislature sits idly by and does nothing to address the on-going violence caused by the HALT Act. Their silence speaks volumes to the men and women who don those uniforms and put their health and safety on the line every day.” - stated, Kenny Gold, NYSCOPBA Western Region Vice President.