



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

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## ***"Keeping New York Safe"***

### ***Officer Stabbed at Franklin Correctional Facility***

*Three Officers Injured in Attack in Facility Dorm*

#### **For Immediate Release**

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**Malone, NY** – Three officers were injured by an inmate and one officer was stabbed with a make-shift weapon yesterday the medium security correctional facility.

Yesterday, in one of the facility dorms, the inmate was yelling obscenities and taunting an officer assigned to the unit. The officer ordered the inmate to stop and he refused. The officer approached the inmate and again ordered him to stop. The inmate suddenly punched the officer with both fists in his ribs. The inmate turned and ran through the dorm with the officer in pursuit. The officer was able to catch the inmate and put him in a body hold as two other officers responded to help. The inmate continued to fight with staff and during the struggle, he stabbed one officer in the shoulder with an unknown object.

The officers struck the inmate's arm to knock the object out of his hand. The object fell to the floor and the inmate was brought to the floor and handcuffs were applied. Once in handcuffs, the inmate became compliant and was removed from the dorm.

Staff recovered the weapon from the floor. It was a five inch pen barrel with one end sharpened to a point.

The initial officer who was assaulted sustained elbow, ribs, hip and knee pain and swelling. He was treated by facility medical staff and did not return to duty.

One of the two officers who responded to the assault was stabbed in the shoulder. The weapon did not penetrate the skin. He sustained knee pain and shoulder pain and swelling. He was treated by medical staff at the facility and did not return to duty.

The second officer who responded sustained hand, knee and shoulder injuries. He was treated at the facility and remained on duty.

The inmate, 31, is serving a two year sentence after being convicted in Bronx County in 2022 for Attempted Criminal Possession of a Weapon 2<sup>nd</sup>. He faces disciplinary charges in the incident.

“As we continue to call for the repeal of the HALT Act amid the skyrocketing violence in our correctional facilities, the dangers staff face every day come in many forms, including contraband. Thankfully all three officers injured in the attack at Franklin did not sustain serious injuries, including the officer who was stabbed in the shoulder. It is our hope that the Franklin County District Attorney’s Office takes a hard look at this attack and prosecutes the inmate. He is serving a two year sentence for attempted weapons possession and extending that sentence as a result of assaulting staff will hopefully send a strong message that attacks on staff will not be tolerated.” -stated John Roberts, NYSCOPBA Northern Region Vice President.