



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

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Officer Injured at Cayuga Correctional Facility

Inmate Attacks Officer in Facility Dorm

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Cayuga, NY – An inmate serving his second stint in prison, attacked and jumped on officer slamming him several times into the floor at the medium security correctional facility last week.

On Wednesday, March 15 the inmate was in his cube in the facility dorm yelling and being disruptive. The officer assigned to the dorm gave the inmate several orders to calm down and he refused. The officer approached the inmate in the cube and the inmate attempted to hit the officer. The officer avoided the punch, but slipped on the wet floor falling to the ground. The inmate immediately jumped on the officer and pulled the officer’s jacket over his head. He grabbed the jacket and slammed the officer several times into the floor. Another officer inside the dorm witnessed the attack and ran over and grabbed the inmate in a body hold. The injured officer got up and helped force the inmate against the cube wall where handcuffs were applied. Once in handcuffs, the inmate became compliant.

The inmate was escorted off the dorm and brought to the infirmary for evaluation.

The injured officer was treated by medical staff at the facility for pain and swelling to his lower back. He remained on duty after treatment.

The inmate, 43, is serving an eight year sentence after being convicted for Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance 3rd and 5th in 2018 in Onondaga County. He previously served a six year sentence in 2006 for Criminal Possession of a Weapon 3rd.

“Since the HALT Act has stripped any real deterrent for inmates, they continue to attack staff. Knowing there is little left to safeguard them in our correctional facilities, our members do not feel supported by certain members of the State Legislature who supported HALT and turned their backs on the men and women who put on that uniform every day. Despite the dangers and the skyrocketing violence, those men and women come to work every day knowing almost 300 members have been assaulted this year and it’s not even April yet! It is very troubling how far the pendulum has swung when it comes to supporting those in law enforcement who put their lives on the line for the people of New York.”– Stated Kenny Gold, NYSCOPBA Western Region Vice President.