



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

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## ***“Keeping New York Safe”***

### ***Officers Injured at Marcy & Mid-State Correctional Facilities***

#### ***One Officer Sustains a Concussion***

#### **For Immediate Release**

***April 7, 2023***

**Marcy, NY** – Two officers were injured at Marcy and Mid-State Correctional Facilities after two separate inmate attacks at the medium security correctional facilities.

The first attack occurred on Monday, March 27, at Marcy. Two officers escorted an inmate to the emergency room at the facility infirmary. The inmate initially sat on a gurney. While on the gurney, the inmate kicked one of the officers in the chest. He was immediately placed in a body hold by both officers and forced to the ground.

On the ground, the officers applied handcuffs and the inmate became compliant.

The injured officer was treated for knee, neck and back injuries by facility staff. He remained on duty.

The second attack occurred at Mid-State on Tuesday, April 4. An officer assigned to a housing unit was securing one of the doors in the unit. An inmate came up behind him and pushed him with both hands into the door, causing the officer's head to hit the metal door. The inmate attempted to pin the officer against the door. The officer pushed off the door causing the inmate to fall backwards. The officer immediately called for a response. He placed the inmate into a body hold and forced him to the ground. On the ground, the inmate remained resistant and ignored the officer's orders to place his hands behind his back. As the officer forced one of the inmate's arms behind his back, he dropped an object on the ground. The officer was able to get both arms behind inmate's back and placed handcuffs on his wrists.

Once in handcuffs the inmate became compliant. He was brought to his feet and removed from the dorm.

Responding staff located a sharpened piece of ceramic on the floor that the inmate had dropped from his hand. A search of the inmate's dorm cube recovered a weighted sock with a combination lock inside. Both weapons were seized as evidence.

The injured officer was taken to St. Elizabeth's Hospital and treated for blurred vision, headache, shoulder and hand injuries. He was diagnosed with a concussion.

The inmate, 32, is serving a 15 year sentence after being convicted in Otsego County for Criminal Sexual Act 1<sup>st</sup>.

"As we have passed the one year anniversary of the HALT Act, nothing has changed inside our prisons. Assaults on staff continue at record levels without any movement by the State Legislature to address the on-going violence. While the legislators enjoy their spring vacation this week, our members continue to go to work every day and are subjected to daily violence at the hands of inmates. It is beyond comprehension that the supporters of the HALT Act will not recognize the huge failure this legislation is and immediately amend it." – Stated Bryan Hluska, NYSCOPBA Central Region Vice President.