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Inmate Violently Attacks Staff at Upstate Correctional Facility

Four Officers Treated at Local Hospital for Injuries

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Malone, NY – An inmate, who initially refused staff directions to walk to his cell, injured multiple officers, sending four to local hospitals for injuries sustained containing the combative inmate at the maximum security correctional facility last week.

On Friday, April 21, an inmate refused staff orders to walk to his cell from a holding pen in a facility building. The inmate turned on two officers in a threatening manner. The two officers grabbed the inmate in a body hold and forced him to the ground. Additional staff responded to the incident as the inmate fought with officers. On the ground, the inmate bit one officer on his thigh and refused to release his bite. Forced was used by staff, which caused the inmate to release his bite. The inmate was brought to his feet and escorted back into the holding pen. In the holding pen, the inmate became combative with staff again and was forced to the floor once more. During the struggle, he attempted to bite one of the officer's hands but was unsuccessful. He was brought back to his feet and forced up against the holding pen wall. He attempted to spit on staff until a spit net was applied.

The inmate was removed from the holding cell and was being escorted back to his cell when he attempted to head butt an officer. Once inside his cell, the inmate, who was still in restraints, pulled on the restraint strap, pulling an officers hands down, injuring his hands.

Once locked inside his cell, the inmate took a plastic pen and began to stab at his wrist and neck, attempting to injure himself. Staff removed him from the cell and brought him to the infirmary for evaluation. No further action was needed.

The inmate, 27, is serving a seven year sentence after being convicted in Broome County for Attempted Rape 1st in 2017.

Five officers were injured in the incident. Four officers went to local hospitals for treatment of their injuries. Three officers were transported to Alice Hyde Medical Center for knee, shoulder, hand, back and elbow injuries. The officer who was bit on the thigh, was treated by medical staff at the facility and sought treatment at Canton-Potsdam Hospital. The four officers did not return to duty.

The fifth officer was treated at the facility for abrasions to his hand. He remained on duty.

“Another attack on staff at Upstate Correctional Facility following last month’s violent attack on staff that injured six officers and took several minutes to bring under control. Five more officers injured now in last week’s attack, with four officers needing to be treated at local hospitals. The inmate is scheduled for a parole hearing next month and I sincerely hope that the parole board sends this inmate, and any inmate for that matter who is up for parole, a message that attacks on staff will not be tolerated. Besides prosecuting inmates for felony assault, rejecting their parole bid is one of the last deterrents we have left to stop these frequent attacks.” - said, John Roberts NYSCOPBA Northern Region Vice President.