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Inmate Slashed Twice at Elmira Correctional Facility

Assaults Occur Two Days Apart

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Elmira, NY – An inmate who is serving a 25 year sentence for Manslaughter 1st, was slashed twice in the face with cutting type weapons at the maximum security prison last week.

On Tuesday April 25th, the inmate and another inmate were walking to the evening meal at the facility. An officer observed the two inmates begin to exchange punches, with one inmate making slashing motions to the other inmate’s face. The officer gave both inmates orders to stop fighting and both became compliant. The inmates were escorted to the medical facility by staff. The one inmate had a five inch laceration to his cheek that was consistent with a cutting type weapon. He was treated for his injuries and returned to his cell.

The second inmate did not sustain any injuries and he was placed in a Special Housing Unit pending disciplinary charges.

A weapon was not recovered in the assault.

The second slashing occurred two days later on April 27th. Inmates were inside the fieldhouse for recreation when two officers witnessed three inmates exchanging punches with the inmate who was cut two days before. Staff gave several orders for the inmates to stop fighting and they ignored the orders. Staff administered chemical agents that were effective and stopped the inmates from fighting.

All inmates involved were brought to the facility infirmary for evaluation. The inmate that was attacked sustained multiple lacerations to his face and nose. He was treated by medical staff.

The three inmates who conducted the initial assault were not injured.

“The two cuttings that occurred at Elmira are more than likely gang related and thankfully no staff were injured stopping both fights. What the legislators who supported and advocated for the HALT Act fail to recognize is, this legislation also puts every inmate’s safety at risk from attacks from other violent inmates. Those inmates, who attack staff or other inmates alike, know that the disciplinary system that now exists is worthless and will not deter the violence. If the legislators who supported HALT initial intent was to protect inmates, they have failed miserably on that end. All they have done is create more violence in our prisons and create an unsafe environment for staff and inmates who just want to serve out their sentences.” - Stated Kenny Gold, NYSCOPBA Western Region Vice President.