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Officers Assaulted, Injured at Otisville Correctional Facility

Four Officers Treated at Local Hospital

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Otisville, NY – Four officers needed to be treated at a local hospital after an inmate head butted two officers and fought with staff attempting to contain him after he initially was found masturbating in his housing cube at the medium security correctional facility.

On Tuesday, May 2, a female officer assigned to one of the housing units, observed an inmate masturbating while sitting on his bed in his housing cube. She called for a response and a sergeant and three officers responded to the incident. The inmate was pat frisked and handcuffed. He was escorted by staff to a van to be transported to another facility building for a disciplinary transfer. During the transfer, the inmate began banging his head against the van window. Officers quickly put the inmate in body holds and he became compliant.

When they arrived at the building, the inmate was removed from the van and was being escorted into the building when he suddenly head butted one of the officers in the chin. He was placed in body holds again and forced to the ground where he became compliant. The inmate was brought to his feet and brought inside the building and placed in a holding pen. Inside the pen, the inmate verbally threatened officers and continued yelling at them. An officer attempted to de-escalate the situation inside the pen when the inmate jumped up and head butted him in the head. OC spray was utilized with no effect. Staff put the inmate in a body holds and forced him to the pen floor where he continued to be combative.

Once under control, the inmate was brought to his feet and remained in the holding pen pending his transfer.

Four officers were injured in the attack. The officer who was head butted in the chin sustained jaw, back and leg pain and swelling. The officer who was head butted inside the holding pen sustained swelling to his head, a headache and dizziness.

Two officers were injured subduing the inmate. One officer had wrist, knee and back pain. The second officer sustained back pain.

The four injured officers were treated at the facility and transported to Garnett Health Medical Center for further treatment.

The inmate, 40, is serving a 21 years to life sentence after being convicted for Kidnapping 1st and Criminal Impersonation 1st in Suffolk County in 2003. He and several co-conspirators posed as NYPD officers and kidnapped and severely beat his former employer in the effort to extort money from his family.

Following the attacks on staff, he was transferred to Eastern Correctional Facility.

“Two weeks ago we reported on four attacks that left officers injured in four correctional facilities in the Hudson Valley. One of the facilities was Otisville and today we have four more officers who were injured there by an inmate who twenty years ago savagely beat and kidnapped his former employer. Obviously, his time spent incarcerated has not rehabilitated him following this latest assault of staff. The on-going violence will continue at record levels if the State Legislature does not address the violence in our prisons and amend or repeal the HALT Act so that order and discipline can be restored. The call for HALT to be repealed may sound like a broken record to many, but it certainly doesn’t for those men and women who are attacked every day.” – Stated Chris Moreau , NYSCOPBA Mid-Hudson Region Vice President.