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***Multiple Unprovoked Throwing Incidents by Inmates Towards Staff  
Reported at Wende and Lakeview Correctional Facilities***

***Several Officers Struck with Unknown Liquids, Requiring Treatment***

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**Alden and Brocton, NY** – Several reports of throwing incidents by inmates aimed at staff have been reported at two Western New York correctional facilities. The incidents were unprovoked and involved unknown liquids but required several officers to be evaluated for treatment.

The first incident happened at Wende Correctional Facility on April 18<sup>th</sup>, when an officer who was escorting an inmate to programming was struck by a liquid thrown by another inmate from his cell. The unknown substance struck the officer in the face, neck and shoulder. The officer was taken for medical evaluation and remained on duty. According to state records, the 21-year-old inmate, who was serving a two-year sentence for two counts of robbery, was released from prison a week after this incident.

The second incident happened at Lakeview Shock on April 23<sup>rd</sup>, two officers were delivering breakfast to inmates housed in their cells when an inmate threw a cup a liquid at one of the officers, striking him in the chest. About an hour later, the same inmate threw another cup of liquid at a different officer, hitting that officer in the upper body. The two officers were checked out by facility medical. One officer reported no injuries and the other complained of redness and irritation in his eye. They both remained on duty while the 28-year-old inmate, who is serving a nine-year sentence for robbery and criminal possession of a weapon, has disciplinary charges pending.

The third incident happened on April 27<sup>th</sup> at Erie County Medical Center, where a female officer stationed out of Wende Correctional Facility was escorting an inmate for treatment. As the inmate waited to be seen by medical staff, he became agitated and started yelling and causing

a commotion. As the inmate stood up on top of his hospital bed, the officer ordered the inmate to calm down and remain seated. The inmate responded with numerous verbal threats of violence and obscenities towards the officer and spit on her. As the spit contained the inmate's saliva and blood, the officer was evaluated by hospital staff, treated, and remained on duty. The 35-year-old inmate is serving his second prison sentence, this time 21 years for rape and robbery.

“The inmates have zero respect for the officers who work inside our facilities and these most recent throwing examples out of Wende and Lakeview exemplify that. These individuals, who have committed violent crimes against society, feel like they can do whatever they want, whenever they want, and nothing will be done to them. Case in point, the 21-year-old inmate out of Wende who throws an unknown liquid at our officer, strikes him in the face, and is released from prison the following week. The New York State Legislature once again fails to protect the brave men and women who endure these horrific conditions, while coddling violent criminals and giving them get out of jail free cards.” – **stated Kenny Gold, NYSCOPBA Western Region Vice President.**