

Sergeant Knocked Unconscious at Ulster Correctional Facility

New Inmate Attacks Staff in Reception Center

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Napanoch, **NY** – A 28 year old inmate who came to the Ulster Correctional Facility Reception Center on May 19 after recently being convicted of robbery, attacked a sergeant in one of the facility dorms at the medium security correctional facility.

The assault occurred on Thursday, June 1. An officer assigned to the dorm called for a supervisor to respond to talk with a new inmate at the facility who was being disruptive. The sergeant approached the inmate and attempted to talk to him. Without provocation, the inmate suddenly struck the sergeant in the left side of the face, knocking him to the ground. Another officer on the dorm responded and grabbed the inmate in a body hold and forced him to the ground. The inmate ignored the officer's orders to place his arms behind his back and continued to resist. A lieutenant responded to the attack and assisted in getting the inmate's arms behind his back and apply handcuffs. Once in handcuffs, the inmate became compliant.

The inmate was removed from the dorm and placed in a Special Housing Unit pending disciplinary charges.

All staff were evaluated by medical staff at the infirmary. The sergeant sustained two lacerations to his tongue, pain and swelling to his face, headache, nausea and vomiting. He was transported to Ellenville Hospital for a possible concussion. He did not return to duty.

The responding lieutenant and officer were treated for back, hip and wrist pain. They were treated at the facility and remained on duty.

The inmate is serving a three year sentence after being convicted in Queens County in 2023 for two counts of Attempted Robbery 1st.

"Just two weeks into his incarceration for attempted robbery, this inmate attacks and knocks a supervisor unconscious while he attempted to calm the disruptive inmate down. You would hope that a new inmate, who is serving a relatively short sentence, would make every attempt to follow the rules and blend in without any disruption. In less than two years he is eligible for parole, but the realty we face today is an inmate who shows no restraint and is willing to attack staff without any provocation because they know there are no real ramifications for their actions. Unless they are criminally prosecuted for assault, there is little or no deterrent left to stop these constant attacks on staff." – stated Chris Moreau, Mid-Hudson Region Vice President.