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Staff Injured at Coxsackie Correctional Facility

One Officer has Urine Thrown on Him, Second Officer Punched in the Mouth

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Coxsackie, NY – A 32 year old inmate who is scheduled to be released in less than a year, threw urine on one officer from his cell and attacked a second officer after being frisked for contraband at the maximum security correctional facility.

An officer conducting rounds during evening recreation, walked by the inmate's cell and he threw urine smelling liquid through the cell door window from a water bucket, striking the officer in the leg. After the cell door window was secured, additional staff responded and removed the inmate from the cell and frisked him for contraband in the unit shower. After being frisked, the inmate suddenly turned and punch one of the officers in the mouth and charged at him, grabbing at his upper body and neck. A second officer grabbed the inmate from behind in a body hold and forced him to the floor. The inmate was able to break free and get back to his feet. A sergeant on the scene administered OC spray to the inmate, which had no effect. The officer grabbed the inmate again and forced him to the floor where he remained combative. He attempted to spit at staff several times but was unsuccessful. Staff were able to force his arms behind his back and apply handcuffs. Once in handcuffs, he was brought to his feet and brought to the infirmary for evaluation.

The officer who was punched in the mouth sustained pain and swelling to his mouth, shoulder and knee. The second officer on the scene sustained hip and shoulder injuries subduing the inmate. The sergeant sustained knee and hand injuries. All three men were treated by medical staff at the facility and remained on duty.

The inmate is serving a six year sentence after being convicted in Dutchess County for two counts of Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance 3rd. He is scheduled for release in March of 2024.

"Thankfully in Greene County we have a district attorney who takes attacks on correctional staff seriously and routinely prosecutes inmates who commit these crimes. In circumstances like this, where the inmate will reach his maximum release date next March, the district attorney can send a strong message that attacks on staff will not be tolerated. In reality, with little or no discipline left as a result of the HALT Act, it is the last line of defense our members have and I am thankful that District Attorney Stanzione stands behind our officers who work in our facilities in Greene County. We need more DA's in counties across the state like him. - said, Chris Moreau, NYSCOPBA Mid-Hudson Region Vice President.