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Multiple Inmate Fights Occur at Five Points Correctional Facility

Violence Continues to Plague Facility, Several Officers Injured and Visitors Arrested

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Romulus, NY – In the first nine days of June, multiple inmate on inmate fights occurred at the maximum security correctional facility that injured eight officers, sending five to a local hospital for their injuries.

In addition to the violence, three visitors were arrested attempting to smuggle drugs into inmates in the visitor’s room, one inmate needed to be revived by Narcan after an apparent drug overdose, and wooden shank was recovered from an inmate in the Residential Rehabilitation Unit.

- On Friday, June 2nd, during the inmate escort from the mess hall, an officer observed two inmates exchanging punches. Orders were ignored to stop fighting. OC spray was administered to both inmates. One inmate continued to ignore orders and staff used body holds to force him to the floor before applying handcuffs.
- On Saturday, June 3rd, one officer injured his knee subduing an inmate during an inmate on inmate fight. The officer was transported to Geneva Hospital for further treatment.
- On Saturday, June 3rd, an officer conducting rounds observed an inmate unresponsive on the floor of his cell. A medical response was called and one dose of Narcan was administered inside his cell, with no effect. The inmate was transported to the medical facility where a second dose of Narcan was administered. The second dose was effective and the inmate became responsive. He was transported to a local hospital for further treatment.

- On Saturday, June 3rd, as inmates were returning to their cells after evening recreation, an officer observed two inmates exchanging punches. A third inmate joined in the fight. The inmates ignored staff orders to stop. OC spray was utilized and was effective.
- On Saturday, June 3rd, an officer assigned to recreation observed an inmate who lost his recreation privileges. He was ordered back to his cell and he refused and became argumentative. When the officer approached the inmate he struck the officer in the shoulder. The officer, assisted by a second officer, used body holds and forced the inmate to the ground where handcuffs were applied. Both officers sustained hand and wrist injuries subduing the inmate. They were treated at the facility and remained on duty.
- On Sunday, June 4th, five officers were injured when an inmate attacked them in the mess hall. Initially, the inmate was yelling and ignoring staff direction. OC spray was administered and was not effective. He struck one officer in the face twice before being forced by staff to the floor. While staff struggled with the inmate on the floor, a second inmate came up behind an officer and struck him in the back of the head. He was placed in body holds and forced to the floor. Once both inmates were placed in handcuffs they became compliant. Four of the injured officers were transported to Geneva Hospital for treatment of their injuries. They did not return to duty.
- On Sunday June 4th and Friday June 9th, three visitors were arrested for attempting to smuggle drugs into inmates during visitation. In two of the arrests, a K9 alerted to the individuals and they voluntarily turned over the drugs. All three suspects were arrested for Promoting Prison Contraband 2nd. The drugs recovered were synthetic marijuana and marijuana.
- On Friday June 9th, two separate inmate fights occurred during the evening meal and recreation. In both fights, the inmates ignored staff orders to stop fighting and OC spray was administered to get the inmates to stop.
- On Friday June 9th, a wooden shank was recovered from an inmate who was being frisked before being admitted to the Residential Rehabilitation Unit. The inmate had the shank hidden inside his shorts.

“As we come to the end of June and the half way point in 2023, there is clearly no end in sight to the violence and contraband in our state prisons. In the span of a week at one prison, Five Points, we had half a dozen inmate on inmate fights, three visitors arrested attempting to smuggle drugs into inmates and eight officers injured, who were either assaulted by inmates or injured attempting to keep order. It is beyond comprehension that anyone could think that the HALT Act has improved the safety in our facilities. When we end 2024, there is no doubt it will be another record setting year for violence. Those brave men and women who are subjected to this in our prisons across the state deserve far more from our elected officials and that is a travesty.” – stated Kenny Gold, Western Region Vice President.