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Inmate Attacks Staff at Ulster Correctional Facility

Officer Transported to Local Hospital for Injuries

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Naponach, NY – A 36 year old inmate who entered the Ulster Correctional Facility Reception Center the day before, attacked staff in the medical facility, injuring one officer who needed further treatment at a local hospital for his injuries.

On Wednesday, June 28, the inmate became irate in the medical facility and struck an officer with his shoulder as he passed by exiting the exam room. The officer stepped back from the inmate, who then attempted to punch the officer. Two officers grabbed the inmate in a body hold as he lost his balance and stumbled over a bench. The inmate continued to be combative on the floor, kicking and scratching at staff, As the inmate continued to attack staff, three rounds of OC spray were administered to the inmate before he became compliant. Once compliant, he was placed in handcuffs and decontaminated.

After his medical evaluation, he was placed in a Special Housing Unit pending disciplinary charges.

One officer was injured in the attack. He sustained two deep open scratches to his head, an open abrasion to his chest, pain and swelling to both knees and an abrasion to his leg. The officer was treated at the facility and was transported to Ellenville Hospital. He did not return to duty.

The inmate is serving a one to three year sentence after being convicted in New York County Court in 2023 for Attempted Assault 2nd.

“One day into his incarceration for attempted felony assault, the inmate without any provocation, violently attacks staff, sending one officer to a local hospital for the injuries he sustained from being kicked and scratched. No doubt, if he is willing to assault staff one day into his prison sentence, he will continue to be a danger to staff for the remainder of his prison term. The Ulster County District Attorney’s Office could send a strong message by prosecuting him for felony assault, extending his relatively short sentence. If that occurred, maybe he would think next time before attacking staff. Just the day before this attack, an inmate who is eligible for parole in five months, attempted to assault staff while being evaluated in the infirmary. If strong messages aren’t sent that violence against staff will not be tolerated, the violence will continue to rise.” - said, Chris Moreau, NYSCOPBA Mid-Hudson Region Vice President.