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## ***Inmate Attacks, Injures Four Officers at Five Points Correctional Facility***

*Inmate Possibly High on Intoxicant During Attack*

### **For Immediate Release**

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**Romulus, NY** – A 38 year old inmate serving a 25 years to life prison sentence for murder, attacked three officers and injured a fourth who helped subdue him in the kitchen of the facility mess hall.

The attack occurred on Friday, July 14. Initially, an officer on security rounds in the mess hall observed the inmate laying on the floor in the dish room acting strange. The officer called for assistance and approached the inmate to handcuff him for safety. When the officer attempted to handcuff the inmate, he became combative and punched the officer in the stomach and shoulder. The officer administered OC spray, which had no effect. Three additional officers responded to the mess hall and used body holds to attempt to subdue the inmate. Still on the floor and combative, the inmate struck one officer in the eye and another officer in the stomach before they were able to gain control and apply handcuffs and leg restraints.

Once under control, the inmate was taken on a gurney to the infirmary. During the escort, the inmate fell off the gurney. After being decontaminated and evaluated in the infirmary, the inmate was transported by ambulance to Cayuga Medical Center for evaluation.

It has not been determined if the inmate was under the influence of drugs at this time. He was convicted of Murder 2<sup>nd</sup> in Monroe County in 2005 after he shot a unarmed man three times with a shotgun on a street in Rochester.

The injured officers were treated by medical staff at the facility. One officer had shoulder and stomach pain. The second officer had pain and swelling to his eye. The third officer had knee and stomach pain. The fourth officer had shoulder pain, which occurred subduing the inmate. They all remained on duty.

On the same day, staff responded to an apparent overdose in the mess hall prior to the assault. An officer conducting rounds found an inmate laying on dishwashing crates

unresponsive in the kitchen. The officer called for a medical response. He administered one dose of Narcan, which had no effect. A second officer on the scene administered a second dose of Narcan, which revived the inmate.

Once responsive, he was taken to the infirmary and transported to Cayuga Medical Center for further treatment.

“It is clear and apparent that drugs are still making their way into our facilities despite the best efforts of staff. Contraband has decreased as a result of the secure vendor program and K9’s being utilized more effectively during inmate visits. Despite those best efforts, dangerous drugs are still making it into the hands of inmates. Not only is it potentially life threatening for the inmate, it becomes extremely dangerous for staff when they respond to an inmate who is on drugs. More than likely this latest attack at Five Points was a result of the inmate being on drugs. Many times, when staff respond to an inmate that is high, they become very violent, combative and attack staff. It is just one of the many dangerous obstacles our members face every day. It is no wonder why we are having an extremely difficult time recruiting and retaining staff. How attractive is a job that becomes more dangerous by the minute? ” – stated Kenny Gold, Western Region Vice President.