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Officer, Sergeant Attacked at Collins Correctional Facility

Officer Transported to Local Hospital for Injuries

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Collins , NY – A sergeant and an officer were injured at Collins Correctional Facility in two separate inmate attacks at the end of July, continuing the disturbing violence at the medium security correctional facility.

The first assault occurred on Friday, July 21. The sergeant was in one of the facility housing units when he observed an inmate mopping up vomit on the bathroom floor. The inmate took the mop bucket and emptied it in the bathroom sink. When the sergeant approached him, the inmate took the mop bucket and swung it at the sergeant, striking him in the arm. The sergeant immediately called for a response and placed the inmate in a body hold and forced him against the bathroom wall. He forced the inmate's arm behind his back and applied handcuffs.

Once in handcuffs, the inmate became compliant. He was escorted from the bathroom to the infirmary for evaluation. At the infirmary, it was determined the inmate was under the influence of an unknown drug.

The sergeant was treated by medical staff at the facility. He sustained shoulder pain and pain and a headache to the left side of his head. He remained on duty.

The inmate, who is serving his third stint in state prison, currently is serving a six year sentence after being convicted in 2023 in New York County for Criminal Sale of a Controlled Substance 3rd. Previously, he was incarcerated in 2014 and 2017.

The second assault occurred on Saturday, July 29. An officer was attempting to counsel an inmate on the proper dress attire to enter the mess hall. The inmate became combative and argumentative. The officer ordered the inmate to submit to a pat frisk for contraband. As the

officer was frisking the inmate, he removed one hand from the wall and elbowed the officer in the chest. The officer administered OC spray, which had no effect. The officer grabbed the inmate in a body hold, causing both men to fall to the floor. On the floor and still combative, the officer, with the assistance from a second officer, was able to force the inmate's arms behind his back and apply handcuffs.

Once in handcuffs, the inmate became compliant.

The inmate, who is serving a ten year to life sentence after being convicted in Onondaga County in 2018 for Predatory Sex Act with a Child, was escorted to a Special Housing Unit pending disciplinary charges.

The injured officer was transported to Bertrand Chaffee Hospital for treatment of hand and elbow injuries. He did not return to duty.

“Attacks on staff at Collins Correctional Facility are becoming a daily occurrence. In May, a dozen officers were injured over a 10 day period in a series of attacks. Officers had lengthy stays at the hospital at the hands of inmates. At the beginning of July three officers were injured in two separate attacks and now two more officers injured to cap off the end of the month. Now that we have passed the halfway point of the year, assaults continue to mount. We are keeping pace with last year's record numbers of inmate on staff assaults and inmate on inmate assaults are tracking to increase by 31 percent by the end of the year. There is no end in sight to the violence. Yet, despite our calls for action, the State Legislature sits idly by as our members continue to get spit on, have feces thrown on them and are violently assaulted and injured at the hands of inmates. It is clear the system is completely broken, yet nothing is being done to protect our members, nor does anyone seem to care. Would these legislators that supported coddling inmates do something to help if these attacks were happening to their children or their brothers and sisters? We know that answer, they would. Just because we wear blue and not green doesn't mean our legislators should leave OUR brothers and sisters to die!” – stated Kenny Gold, NYSCOPBA Western Region Vice President.