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***"Keeping New York Safe"***

***Seven Officers Injured at Mid-State Correctional Facilities***

*Two Officers Need Treatment at Hospital After Being Bitten by Inmate*

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**Marcy, NY** – A 26 year old inmate serving a seven year sentence for sex abuse, attacked, bit and injured seven officers as they attempted to subdue him after initially attacking staff inside a classroom at the medium security correctional facility.

On Saturday, July 29, two officers had escorted the inmate into the classroom and placed him in one of the classroom chairs. When they removed one of his handcuffs, he immediately began striking one officer in the head, with the handcuff still attached to his wrist. He grabbed the officer in a headlock and forced his hand into the officer's mouth and began gouging the inside of his mouth. The second officer used force to get him to release the officer but was unsuccessful. The inmate, with the officer still in a headlock, bit him on his bicep, breaking the skin. A call for assistance went out and a third officer responded. The third officer was able to get the inmate to release the headlock. OC spray was administered to the inmate with no effect. He continued to be combative and ignore staff orders. The officers were able to get control of the inmate's arms, force them behind his back, and apply handcuffs.

He was escorted out of the classroom to be decontaminated. Once he was decontaminated, he was placed in a holding pen. When officers removed his restraints, he lunged at one officer with a weapon now in his hand. Staff immediately applied OC spray again and placed him in a body hold and forced him to the floor. On the floor, staff were able to force the weapon, a wooden shank, out of his hand. During the struggle, the inmate bit one of the officers on the wrist, breaking the skin.

Once under control, all force ceased.

Three officers were transported to St. Luke's Hospital for treatment. The first officer who was attacked, had injuries to his forehead, a laceration inside his mouth, a bite mark and broken skin

on his bicep. The second officer who was bit, sustained a laceration to his finger and wrist and injury to his knee. The third officer treated at the hospital had shoulder and knee injuries. The officers did not return to duty.

Four officers were treated by medical staff at the facility for knee, shoulder and arm abrasions. They remained on duty.

The inmate, who was convicted of Sex Abuse 1<sup>st</sup> in Kings County in 2015, was transferred to Great Meadow Correctional Facility.

“This latest attack is a great opportunity for the Oneida County District Attorney’s Office to send a strong message to inmates who attack and injure staff that it will not be tolerated and will be prosecuted. The inmate involved in this vicious attack is eligible for parole in January. There is no reason, after injuring seven officers in an unprovoked attack, he should even be considered for release. To the contrary, he should be prosecuted and receive additional time in prison for this attack. Nothing short of that is a disservice to the brave men and women who come to work each day to protect our communities and maintain order in our prisons. ” – stated Bryan Hluska, NYSCOPBA Central Region Vice President.