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Three Officers Hurt at Five Points Correctional Facility

Inmate, Serving 3rd Stint in Prison, Attacks Officer During Meal Run

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Romulus, NY – A 38 year old inmate, serving a 20 year sentence for manslaughter, attacked an officer during the evening meal run, and injured two other officers who came to his aid at the maximum security correctional facility.

The attack occurred on Wednesday, July 26. During the evening meal run, the inmate was exiting the cell block when he began yelling at staff. The officer approached him and ordered him back to his cell. The inmate took an aggressive stance towards the officer and refused to go back to his cell. The officer placed the inmate in a body hold and forced him to wall, The inmate was able to break free long enough to strike the officer in mouth. Two officers responded to the attack and assisted the officer in forcing the inmate to the floor. On the floor and still combative, the inmate struck the officer several more times in the face and kicked the two responding officers. After a brief struggle, the officers were able to force the inmate's arms behind his back and apply handcuffs.

Once in handcuffs, the inmate became compliant. He was escorted from the cell block and placed in a Special Housing Unit, pending disciplinary charges.

The three officers were treated by medical staff at the facility. The officer who was punched, sustained a minor laceration to his lip and abrasions to his face and arm. The two responding officers sustained abrasions to the knee and wrist. All three remained on duty after treatment.

The inmate was convicted in Onondaga County in 2011 for Manslaughter 1st after he was arrested for the stabbing death of another gang member. Previously, he served two prison sentences in 2004 and 2008 for drug sales.

“The tally of injured officers at Five Points continues to rise each day with every assault that occurs. The legislature gambled miserably on passing the HALT Act, and every day we see the results of it. Rather than admit, even though their intentions might have been to improve safety, their support of this ridiculous law has backfired. As a result, the outcome is our members have become the victims. Now there are newspaper reports that legislative sponsored Medical Addiction Treatment (MAT) is being mismanaged and drugs are getting into the hands of inmates who don’t qualify for the program, creating a bigger safety issue. State Legislators should leave running the correctional facilities to the experts in the field. It would be a step in the right direction to righting this ship that is clearly sinking. ” - stated Kenny Gold, NYSCOPBA Western Region Vice President.