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Inmate Throws Feces on Staff Cayuga Correctional Facility

Four Officers and a Sergeant Struck by Liquid Thrown by Inmate

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Cayuga, NY – An inmate serving his third stint in a state correctional facility for assault and weapons possession, threw a brown liquid believed to be feces, from a milk carton and struck four officers and a sergeant who were attempting to extract him from his cell at the medium security prison.

On Sunday, August 27, staff attempted to convince the inmate to exit his cell after medical staff deemed he needed to be on a one on one watch for self-harm. The inmate refused multiple times to comply with staff orders and exit the cell. After all attempts were exhausted, an extraction team responded to the cell. Chemical agents were initially utilized, but were ineffective in getting the inmate to move out of the cell. The cell door was opened and the extraction team entered the cell. When staff entered the cell, the inmate hurled brown liquid from milk cartons, striking the four officers and sergeant in the upper body. The inmate was forced to the back of the cell by a protective shield. Body holds were utilized and the inmate was forced to the ground. On the ground and still combative, the inmate punched one officer in the face and kicked another officer. Handcuffs were applied and he was placed on a gurney and brought to a Special Housing Unit.

At the Special Housing Unit, he was taken off the gurney and began resisting again and was forced to the ground a second time. Once on the ground he became compliant.

The inmate was decontaminated in the Special Housing Unit and placed on a one on one watch.

The four officers and sergeant were treated by medical staff for exposure and injuries sustained in the attack. Their contaminated uniforms were removed and placed into evidence. Two

officers were treated for wrist injuries, the third officer a knee injury and the fourth officer a shoulder injury. All staff remained on duty.

The inmate, 36, is serving a eight year sentence after being convicted in New York County for Attempted Assault 1st and Criminal Possession of a Weapon 2nd. Previously, he served time in prison in 2010 and 2014 for assault and weapons possession convictions.

“Throwing feces or urine on staff is one of the most vile and despicable acts an inmate can take. Not only is it a disgusting act, it exposes staff to dangerous bodily fluids that can have serious health risks with significant exposure. The throwing incident at Cayuga underscores the exposure our members have to violence and appalling throwing incidents every day. Staff are now at breaking points. Understaffed, overworked, mandatory additional eight hour shifts daily and subjected to violence all day long, has officers contemplating leaving this profession that they loved doing just a few short years ago. What makes matters worse is that there are lawmakers in this state that thinks getting feces thrown on you is acceptable. If anyone in the legislature that took part in giving the convicts less penalties for despicable acts like what happened at Cayuga put the uniform on for one day they never would’ve supported HALT. If we continue on this path we have been following the past two years, we will see a mass exodus of staff in the near future, which will only make things worse, something nobody thought was possible, but when you care more about inmates than law abiding citizens that protect and support their communities this is what will happen!” stated Kenny Gold, NYSCOPBA Western Region Vice President.