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Staff Quickly Contain Minor Uprising at Coxsackie Correctional Facility

Incident Began When One Inmate Became Irate and Began Threatening Staff

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Coxsackie , NY – Inmates attempted a small demonstration at the maximum security correction facility after one inmate became irate and began threatening staff after returning to the cell block after their afternoon meal last week.

On Friday, September 8, the 24 year old inmate was returning from the mess hall when he became irate and began threatening staff in the cell block. A second inmate interfered with staffs attempt to suppress the situation quickly. As the situation unfolded, ten inmates joined in and stood in the doorway of their cells and refused several staff commands to enter their cells and lock their cell doors.

A response was called and additional staff arrived on the cell block. Staff approached the second inmate, who was standing in the cell entrance and refusing all orders and was being belligerent. Officers forced the inmate into his cell and secured the cell door. Officers then approached the first inmate's cell and opened his cell door so he could be escorted to a Special Housing Unit. When the door was opened, the inmate charged the officers. He was immediately grabbed in a body hold and forced to the floor.

Still combative on the floor, staff forced the inmate's arms behind his back and applied handcuffs. Once in handcuffs, he became compliant. He was escorted from the cell block and placed in a Special Housing Unit pending disciplinary charges. He is serving a seven year sentence after being convicted in Kings County for two counts of Attempted Murder 2nd in 2018.

The second inmate, 27, who is serving a eight year sentence after being convicted in Kings County for Attempted Murder and Robbery 1st in 2016, was also placed in a Special Housing Unit pending disciplinary charges.

The remaining inmates finally complied with staff orders and were locked in their respective cells with no further incident.

No staff were injured in the minor uprising.

“Yesterday marked the 52nd anniversary of the Attica Riots and was a day to remember those 11 employees who lost their lives in the riot. It is a stark reminder of the dangerous environment that exists in every prison and how quickly things can escalate. In contrast, the incident last week in Coxsackie was quickly contained by staff and thankfully no one was injured. The reality our members face is that on any given day that might not be the case. With little or no discipline left, and assaults on staff continuing to rise, the work environment inside these prisons is extremely dangerous and maintaining complete control is getting more difficult every day. Until the State Legislature wakes up and makes meaningful changes to protect staff, this threat will always be there. - said, Chris Moreau, NYSCOPBA Mid-Hudson Region Vice President.