



## New York State Correctional Officers & Police Benevolent Association, Inc.

# *“Keeping New York Safe”*

### ***Two Females Officers Attacked at Fishkill Correctional Facility***

*Inmate Serving Third Prison Stint Injures Both Officers*

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**Fishkill, NY** – A 40 year old inmate serving his third stint in a state correctional facility, grabbed a female officer who was conducting security rounds and threw her to the ground and injured a second officer who came to her aid at the medium security correctional facility.

The initial attack occurred on Thursday, September 28. The officer was conducting security rounds when the inmate grabbed her with both hands and threw her to ground and struck her multiple times in the ribs. The second officer witnessed the attack and called for an emergency response. She grabbed the inmate in a body hold in an attempt to pull the inmate off the officer. The inmate elbowed the officer in the face, causing her to fall backwards with the inmate falling on top of her. The inmate continued to struggle with the officer and struck her several times in the face with his arms. The first officer got to her feet and administered two applications of OC spray to stop the attack, but it was ineffective.

A third officer responded to the emergency response and grabbed the inmate in a body hold and pulled him off the female officer. He forced the inmate to the floor and forced his arms behind his back and applied handcuffs. Once in handcuffs, the inmate became compliant. He was brought to his feet and was escorted off the unit to be decontaminated.

The three injured officers were treated by the medical staff at the facility. The first officer attacked sustained wrist, rib and knee injuries. She was treated for her injuries and did not return to duty. The second female officer was treated for face, back and upper body injuries. She was transported by ambulance to a local hospital for further treatment. The third officer sustained a wrist injury subduing the inmate. He remained on duty.

The inmate, who appeared to be intoxicated on an unknown substance during the attack, was transferred to Green Haven Correctional Facility. He is serving an eight year sentence after being convicted in New York County for Criminal Sale of a Controlled Substance 3<sup>rd</sup>.

He previously served prison sentences in 2006 and 2010.

“This latest inmate attack on staff injured three officers, two who were not able to return to duty, as the violence continues to escalate inside our prisons. While the HALT Act has stripped what was left of a discipline system, this attack on staff is a perfect opportunity for the Dutchess County District Attorney’s Office to file criminal charges for felony assault on both female officers. The inmate who committed this attack, is currently eligible for parole and has a conditional release date in March of 2024. Certainly, after serving three stints in prison since 2006, he is not rehabilitated by any means. The district attorney could send a strong message that even though the State Legislature has created policies that have made our prisons more dangerous and violent, inmates who attack staff will still be held accountable. – Stated Joe Horacek , NYSCOPBA Mid-Hudson Region Vice President.