



**New York State Correctional Officers  
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***Upstate Correctional Facility Inmate Arrested for Attacking Staff***

*Inmate Who Was Released Yesterday Charged With Felony Assault*

**For Immediate Release**

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**Malone, NY** – An inmate, who was released from state prison yesterday, was arrested upon his release and charged with Assault 2<sup>nd</sup> and two counts of Attempted Assault 2<sup>nd</sup> in connection with an attack on staff on Thursday, October 12 at the maximum-security correctional facility.

Jaleel Hill, 32, was arrested yesterday morning after being released from the facility after reaching his mandatory release date after he was sentenced in New York County in 2016 for Assault 1<sup>st</sup>. Initially, Inmate Hill was being escorted to a program at the facility on October 12. Before the escort, staff were conducting a pat frisk of the inmate. It was determined that the inmate had altered clothing on and was ordered back to his cell. The inmate refused and became combative. Three officers used body holds to force the inmate back into his cell. The inmate was able to break free and punch one of the officers in the face. The three officers applied the body hold again and forced the inmate to the floor of the cell. The inmate was able to grab one of the officer's arms and pull her to the ground, punching her in the eye in the process. Additional staff arrived at the cell and administered OC spray, which had no effect. Still combative on the floor, officers were able to force the inmate's arms behind his back and apply handcuffs. Once in handcuffs, the inmate became compliant.

Inmate Hill was serving his second stint in state prison at the time of the attack. Previously, he served a three-year sentence in 2012 after being convicted in New York County for Attempted Robbery 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>. After his arrest yesterday morning, Inmate Hill was arraigned in Malone Town Court and remanded without bail to Franklin County Jail pending further court action.

"After the attack occurred on the officers on October 12, our office took immediate action, investigated the assault and filed charges against Mr. Hill. He was subsequently arrested upon his mandatory release from state prison yesterday morning. My office is committed to protecting those brave men and women who work in our state and county correctional facilities in the North

Country. We will continue to hold inmates accountable who attack and injure staff and look forward to prosecuting this case to the fullest extent of the law." stated Elizabeth Crawford, Franklin County District Attorney.

"Since the Halt Act went into effect in April of 2022, our members have been under siege by inmates attacking them at will, knowing that there is little or no disciplinary system left. Attacks on staff increased 30 percent in 2022 and are on pace to increase 20 percent this year. There is simply no end in sight to the violence. One of the last avenues we have is to have a district attorney's office that is committed to prosecuting cases where it is appropriate. It is one of the only deterrents left for an inmate who is serving a short sentence or nearing his release date, to not attack staff. I applaud District Attorney Crawford for moving quickly to arrest this inmate. Hopefully this sends a strong message to other inmates, that at least in Franklin County, you will be held accountable when you attack staff." said John Roberts, Northern Region Vice President.