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Six Officers Injured at Greene Correctional Facility

Inmate Attacks Staff, Fights With Officers Before Being Subdued

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Coxsackie, NY – A 25 year old inmate serving a five year sentence for robbery, attacked two officers who were attempting to return him to his cell and injured four other officers who responded to help subdue the violent inmate at the medium security correctional on Monday.

At approximately 3:49 p.m., two officers were escorting the inmate back to his cell after he was seen by medical staff at the facility. The inmate refused the officers’ orders to enter his cell and began yelling that he was suicidal and homicidal. Initially, the inmate came off the wall and used his shoulder to strike one of the officers in the chest. The two officers immediately placed the inmate in a body hold and forced him to the ground. On the ground and still extremely combative, the inmate began kicking at the officers. Four officers responded to the attack and attempted to help contain the inmate. During the struggle, the inmate kicked a female officer in the face and another officer in the leg.

After a brief struggle, staff were able to apply handcuffs and leg restraints. Despite being in restraints, the inmate continued to be combative. He was carried by staff and placed in a holding cell. Once in the holding cell, he became compliant.

Six officers were injured in the incident. They were treated by medical staff at the facility for leg, knee, facial, hand, elbow, shoulder and back injuries. All officers remained on duty after treatment.

The inmate is serving a five year sentence after being convicted for Robbery 2nd in Dutchess County in 2021. He was transferred to Sullivan Correction Facility after the attack.

“As we enter the last two months of 2023, assaults on staff continue at a record pace. Assaults on staff increased by 30 percent in 2022 and are on pace to increase another 20 percent this year with no end in sight to the violence. This certainly will continue into 2024 and beyond without

any significant changes to the disciplinary system that currently exists. At least in Greene County, we can count on the District Attorney to aggressively pursue charges against inmates who commit acts of violence inside of Coxsackie and Greene Correctional Facilities. District Attorney Stanzione is one elected official who is committed to protecting the hard working and dedicated men and women who work in both prisons. We surely wish we could say the same for those members of the State Legislature who supported the HALT Act which has contributed to this violence.” – said Joe Horacek, NYSCOPBA Mid-Hudson Vice President.