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Five Officers Injured at Auburn Correctional Facility

Convicted Murderer Head Butts Officer, Cuts Another with Make-Shift Weapon

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Auburn, NY – A 25 year old inmate, who was convicted of murder in 2019, head butted an officer and cut another with a make-shift weapon when the inmate attacked staff who were attempting to escort him to his cell.

On Wednesday, December 6, the inmate was being escorted to his cell when he refused staff orders to enter the cell. The inmate lunged at staff and attempted to head butt one officer, but was unsuccessful. He was placed in upper and lower body holds and forced to the floor. On the floor, he remained extremely combative and was spitting at staff. A spit net was placed on the inmate as he continued to struggle. Three officers used body holds on his upper body and three officers used body holds on his lower body to contain the inmate. Once the inmate became compliant, he was brought to his feet. Once on his feet, he lunged again and head butted an officer in the forehead. Officers were able to force him into his cell and into the back corner of the cell, where he remained combative. Staff forced him to the floor again. Once on the floor, he became compliant.

After the incident was brought under control, one officer noticed he had a laceration to his right forearm. After being examined, it was determined that the laceration was consistent with a cutting style weapon. The officer also sustained shoulder pain and was transferred to Auburn Community Hospital for further treatment.

A second officer sustained ankle and elbow injuries and was transported to Auburn Community Hospital.

Three officers sustained knee, shoulder, elbow and forehead injuries. They were treated by medical staff at the facility and remained on duty.

A search of the inmate and the immediate area where the incident occurred did not recover any weapon.

The inmate was convicted in Kings County in 2019 for Murder 2nd and Criminal Possession of a Weapon 2nd after he shot and killed a 36 year old victim in the head in the man's apartment.

"This year will go down as the most violent year in our correctional facilities history since DOCCS was mandated to provide yearly violence statistics by the State Legislature. Inmate on staff assaults on are pace to increase 15 percent from 2022, a year in which assaults had increased by 36 percent from 2021! Inmate on inmate assaults will surpass 2000 assaults by years end and have increased by over 35 percent from last year. When the State Legislature convenes in January, one of the first steps they need to take is to address their failed criminal justice policies which has caused our prisons to become one of the most violent in the country as well as the rising crime rates in our communities. Unfortunately, we all know that their agenda leans towards the individuals that live in prison rather than work there. This way of thinking needs to stop, and stop immediately. The men in women that work for New York State, never committed a crime to walk inside the walls and fences, but sure feel that the legislators that supported HALT could care less if they lived or died protecting their communities. It is clear that the HALT Act, which progressives in the legislature championed, has been an utter failure but somehow, someway, the legislators will find a way to spin it that it's alright cut and head-butt our members like what just happened at Auburn!" – stated, Kenny Gold, NYSCOPBA Western Region Vice President.