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***"Keeping New York Safe"***

***Two Officers Stabbed at Five Points Correctional Facility***

*Inmate Uses Make-Shift Weapon With Parts from Electronic Tablet*

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**Romulus, NY** – Two officers sustained puncture wounds and a third officer sustained a hand injury after an inmate armed with a make-shift shank attacked them inside his cell when he refused staff orders to exit the cell at the maximum security correctional facility last week.

On Tuesday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>, the 26 year old inmate was given orders by staff to exit his cell. He refused all orders multiple times. A cell extraction team consisting of five officers responded to the cell. Several more orders were given to the inmate to exit the cell and he continued to be defiant and refuse. Pepper spray was introduced into the cell but was ineffective. When the cell door was opened, the inmate charged at the officers and made several stabbing motions towards the head and neck of staff. The inmate was pushed back into the cell by the lead officer utilizing a shield. The inmate continued to be combative and continued making stabbing motions at staff. During the attack, the inmate was able to stab an officer in the forearm. A second officer was stabbed in the chest but the weapon didn't penetrate the officer's protective gear. During the struggle, staff were able to knock the weapon from the inmate's hand, which fell to the ground and was retrieved by an officer. Staff were able to apply handcuffs to the inmate's wrists and apply leg restraints.

Still uncooperative and refusing to stand on his own, the inmate was carried out of the cell and placed on a gurney. He was escorted off the cell block to be frisked for contraband.

The make-shift weapon, which was fashioned from the inmate's assigned electronic tablet, was seized as evidence. A search of the inmate's cell recovered a second weapon which was underneath the inmate's desk.

The officer who was stabbed in the forearm was transported to Geneva Medical Center and received two stitches to close the wound, and is still out of work due to blood exposure. A second officer, who sustained a sprained wrist, was also treated at the medical center.

The officer who was stabbed through his protective gear had hand and finger injuries. He discovered he had a small puncture wound to his thigh and was treated by facility medical staff. He remained on duty.

The inmate is currently serving a 14 to 16 year sentence after being convicted of Kidnapping 2<sup>nd</sup>, Rape 1<sup>st</sup>, Criminal Sexual Act 1<sup>st</sup> and Sex Abuse 1<sup>st</sup> in 2016 in Suffolk County. He and two other suspects were arrested after gang raping a young teenage girl in the woods of a private golf course in 2015.

“The new year is starting the way 2023 ended, with continued attacks on officers. After record setting violence in 2022, last year attacks on staff rose another thirteen percent and inmate on inmate assaults skyrocketed forty percent from the previous year. We can’t say this any clearer, that the State Legislature needs to take decisive action to curb the violence. A first step would be repealing HALT and allowing DOCCS to install a disciplinary system that will deter inmates from committing acts of violence like what occurred at Five Points. The progressive majority, who continue to coddle and advocate for inmates while providing them tablets which they use to make weapons, need to wake up to the violence that currently exists in state prisons, something you can directly correlate to their progressive policies! Who breaks a tablet to make a weapon to attack an officer? Someone who cannot make it in society and that knows there’s no consequences to his actions, that’s who!” – stated Kenny Gold, Western Region Vice President.