



**New York State Correctional Officers
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***Intoxicated Inmate Attacks Staff at Wyoming Correctional
Facility***

Two Officers Transported to Local Hospital for Treatment

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Attica, NY – Two officers were transported to local hospitals after they were injured during an incident with an inmate which began when he kicked one officer in both knees and legs, causing the officer to fall to the ground and hit his head against the wall at the medium security correctional facility last week.

On Thursday, February 1, an officer was conducting security rounds in one of the facility dorms. He found an inmate in the bathroom, apparently intoxicated on an unknown substance. With the assistance of a second officer, the inmate was handcuffed and escorted from the bathroom into the vestibule of the dorm and additional assistance was called. Prior to being frisked for contraband, the inmate kicked backwards, striking one officer in both knees and legs, causing him to fall and strike his head against the wall. During the altercation, the inmate fell directly on top of the officer. At that point, the inmate became unresponsive. The inmate was administered one dose of Narcan by staff, which was effective. When the inmate became alert and conscious, he was brought to his feet and placed on stretcher and transported to the infirmary. During the transport, while securing the inmate, one officer slipped on the surface injuring his knee.

The inmate was successfully transported to the infirmary and later brought to a local hospital for evaluation where medical staff determined he was high on an intoxicant.

The officer who was initially assaulted was transported to Erie County Medical Center and treated for swollen forehead, knee swelling, forearm abrasions and exposure to the intoxicant. He did not return to duty after being released from the medical center.

The officer who injured his knee during the transport was treated at Wyoming County Community Hospital. He did not return to duty.

A third officer sustained a shoulder injury loading the stretcher and inmate into the transport ambulance. He was treated at the facility and remained on duty.

“On January 29th, DOCCS issued a memo that all facilities would begin a “Season for Non-Violence”, a 64-day event in which inmates would be encouraged to practice non-violence, taught the benefits of non-violence and provided journals to write down their thoughts. The memo also references the record year of inmate on staff and inmate on inmate violence in 2023. Not even a week ago we just reported assaulted Officers at Wyoming, clearly the inmates could care less about the memo, or if an Officer gets seriously hurt. This is an absolute slap in the face to the hard working men and women who are subjected to daily attacks at the hands of violent inmates. The progressive wing of the State Legislature near the city that continue to advocate for inmates and their rights while ignoring the historic levels of violence that exist, have made a complete mess of the criminal justice system in the State of New York and we are all paying for it, inside and outside of the walls and fences.”-stated Kenny Gold, NYSCOPBA Western Region Vice President.