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NYSCOPBA Applauds Sentence, Conviction of Two Inmates in Staff Attacks

Inmates Receive Additional Time in Attacks at Upstate and Clinton Correctional Facilities

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Albany , NY – Union officials are praising the recent sentence and conviction of two inmates in two separate attacks on staff at Upstate and Clinton Correctional Facility in 2022 and 2023.

Joseph McCrimmon was sentenced in Clinton County to an additional 22 years after he threw hot liquid in an officer’s face, causing first and second degree burns, and struck a second officer multiple times in the head with a sock that contained a metal food can tied off inside it at Clinton Correctional Facility in May of 2022. McCrimmon, 56, was convicted in a jury trial and sentenced in Clinton County Court last week.

Previously, he was serving a 14 to 16 year sentence after being convicted in 2016 in Kings County for Rape 1st, Sexual Abuse 1st and Criminal Possession of a Firearm.

Jaleel Hill, 33, pled guilty to Assault 2nd in Franklin County Court last week for an attack on a female and male officer at Upstate Correctional Facility in October of 2023. The attack occurred just days before his mandatory release from the facility on a previous conviction. He attacked the two officers after he refused to return to his cell at the facility.

Four other officers were injured in subduing him.

It is expected that Hill will be sentenced to 12 years to life as a persistent violent felon when he is sentenced in county court.

“I would like to thank the Franklin County District Attorney Crawford and Clinton County District Attorney Wylie and Assistant District Attorney Vivian Jo for pursuing charges against the two inmates in the attacks on staff at Clinton and Upstate Correctional Facilities. With assaults on staff at an all-time high and no relief in sight, our last line of defense against attacks are having district attorneys who are willing to prosecute inmates who violently attack staff. Unfortunately, not every assault on staff can be prosecuted, but at least in these two incidents there was a positive outcome. Hopefully the message is clear to inmates that attack staff that they will jeopardize their eventual freedom if they attack staff. If we only had district attorneys in all of the counties where state prisons are located that would be willing to prosecute, the message to violent inmates would be clear, that there are ramifications to their actions.”-stated John Roberts, Northern Region Vice President.