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***10 Officers, One Sergeants Injured at Five Points Correctional
Facility***

One Officer Cut by Inmate with Razor During Multiple Incidents at Facility

*During Cell Search, Staff Recover Two Handmade Dummies Under
Inmate's Bunk*

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Romulus, NY – Violence continues to surge at Five Points Correctional Facility after ten officers and one sergeant were injured at the hands of inmates, including one officer who sustained a laceration to his hand after an inmate cut him with a razor.

In addition to the injuries, staff recovered two handmade dummies from an inmate's cell in an obvious escape plan attempt and several other weapons from inmate cells.

- On Wednesday, April 10, staff were conducting a cell frisk for contraband. The inmate was removed from his cell and when officers entered the cell they recovered two handmade dummies that were fashioned with shirts and pants to look like a person. The dummies were hidden under the inmate's bunk. In addition to the dummies, staff also recovered a ceramic razor in the cell.
- On Wednesday, April 10, while conducting another cell frisk, two officers observed both inmates assigned to the cell on the floor reaching under the bunk. The officers ordered the inmates to stand up. One inmate complied and had an object in his hand. He refused to submit to a pat frisk and struck one of the officers in the shoulder. The officer placed the inmate in a body hold. The second inmate stood up and placed the officer in a choke hold. The second officer used force to get the inmate to release the choke hold as a response was called. Both inmates were placed in body holds and forced to the floor and placed in handcuffs. Once in handcuffs, they became compliant. A search of the cell recovered two razor blades, one that was melted into a toothbrush handle. Both officers were not injured in the incident.
- On Friday, April 19, two officers were injured when an inmate attacked them as they attempted to replace a mattress in his cell. Initially, the inmate was ordered out of the cell so staff could put his mattress inside. When the inmate was returned to the cell, he spit on staff. He was placed in

a body hold and forced up against the cell wall. Still combative, he kicked rearward and struck one officer in the knee. He was forced to the ground where he continued to fight until handcuffs were applied. One officer sustained a shoulder injury and the second officer sustained a knee injury. Both were treated by medical staff at the facility and remained on duty.

- On Monday, April 22, inmates were exiting their cell for the evening meal. Officers observed one inmate exit his cell with his hot pot and he turned and threw the contents into another cell. The inmate's cellmate exited his cell and began fighting with the inmate. The inmate still armed with the hot pot, began striking the inmate with the pot. The officers called for a response as a third inmate exited his cell and joined the fight and began making slashing motions. One of the officers grabbed the inmate's hand and was cut on the inside of his hand with a weapon. When additional staff arrived, one inmate obeyed orders and stopped fighting. Staff used body holds on the other two combative inmates to separate them and forced them to the floor and applied handcuffs. Once in handcuffs, all forced ceased. The officer who was cut, sustained a three inch laceration to the inside of his hand that needed seven sutures to close at Cayuga Medical Center. A piece of a razor blade was located on the floor. The inmate who had the contents of the hot pot thrown on him, sustained burns to his cheek and forehead.
- On Tuesday, April 23, three officers sustained knee injuries during a cell frisk when the two inmates assigned to the cell attacked them. Initially, the two inmates were ordered out of the cell. One inmate complied and the second inmate refused to leave. When one of the officers approached him inside the cell, the inmate threw a punch at him, missing him. He was placed in a body hold and forced to the floor where he elbowed the officer in the chest. During the incident, the second inmate outside the cell left the wall and ran back into the cell. Staff grabbed him in a body hold and forced him to the floor. Handcuffs were applied to both inmates and they were brought to their feet and escorted out of the cell. Officers recovered a bundle wrapped in electrical tape that contained paper with liquid stained into it. They also recovered a toilet brush that was sharpened on one end hidden inside the pillow case. The three officers were treated by medical staff and remained on duty.
- On Friday, April 26, four officers and one sergeant were injured after an inmate attacked them after he set off the metal detector on the way to the yard for recreation. When inmates were released from their cells, one inmate was ordered to submit to a pat frisk after setting off the metal detector. The inmate initially became argumentative but eventually put his hands on the wall. He suddenly came off the wall and punched one officer in the face and placed him in a choke hold. A response was called and the inmate was placed in a body hold and forced to the floor where he continued to choke the officer. During the attack, he attempted to bite the officer as staff struggled to get him to release the chokehold after using force several times. Eventually, officers were able to pull the inmates arms from around the officers neck and apply handcuffs. Once in handcuffs, the inmate became compliant. The four officers and sergeant sustained knee, neck, shoulder, and shin injuries during the attack. They were treated by medical staff at the facility and remained on duty.

"It is unfathomable that with the level of violence that is occurring in our prisons that the State Legislature, especially downstate, continue to ignore the problem. In a two week period at Five Points eleven staff are injured, multiple weapons seized and two handmade dummies fashioned to look like a person in an obvious escape plan were recovered. If that isn't enough to get the attention of our elected officials then nothing will. Officers are still out of work facing life altering changes as the inmates sit an attack more of

our members. Many times the same aggressive inmates assault our members at different jails because they know they will not be penalized. As we await to learn what prisons will be closed, New York can allocate 2.4 billion dollars for the migrant crisis in New York City at tax payers expense, yet close up to five prisons, to make them more violent, just to save a small percentage of that and not reinvest in the safety of our members or facilities. This is all being done at the expense of those brave men and women who protect New York. This mentality puts their safety in jeopardy every day and they deserve far more support than they receive right now.”-stated Kenny Gold, Western Region Vice President.