



Seven Officers Injured at Mid-State Correctional Facilities

Three Separate Inmate Attacks Injures Staff

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Marcy, NY – Three separate inmate attacks on staff injured seven officers at the medium security correctional facility, sending one officer to a local hospital for treatment of two lacerations after an inmate bit him twice.

The first attack occurred on Sunday, April 21. An inmate refused an officer's orders to secure his recreation pen door. He refused repeated orders from staff to secure the door and made statements to staff about hurting himself. A response team was activated and responded to the cell. After all attempts were exhausted to get the inmate to lock the door, chemical agents were introduced into the cell with no effect. The extraction team opened the cell door and entered. The inmate charged at the first officer who entered the cell and struck him several times with a weighted cloth with several bars of soap inside. The officer was struck in the head, neck and his protective shield. Officers grabbed the inmate in a body hold and forced him to the ground. On the ground and still combative, the inmate refused to drop the cloth. After a brief struggle, officers were able to remove the weapon from his hand and apply handcuffs and leg restraints. Once in restraints, the inmate became compliant. He was brought to his feet and removed from his cell and placed in a holding pen for decontamination.

Four officers on the extraction team were injured. They sustained back, hip, shoulder, and knee injuries. They were treated at the facility by medical staff and remained on duty.

The cloth with several bars of soap wrapped inside was taken as evidence.

The second assault occurred on Tuesday, May 14. An inmate who was late for programming ignored all orders from an officer and attempted to enter his classroom. When the inmate entered the classroom, the officer ordered him out and to submit to a pat frisk. Initially, the

inmate refused to exit the classroom. After several more orders, he complied and exited the classroom and put his hands on the wall. When the officer went to frisk the inmate for contraband, the inmate spun off the wall and lunged at the officer, biting him in the bicep. The officer immediately grabbed the inmate in a body hold and forced him to the ground. On the ground and still combative, the inmate bit the officer on his index finger. A second officer responded and forced the inmate's arms behind his back and applied handcuffs. Once handcuffed, the inmate became compliant. He was brought to his feet and escorted to a holding room.

The officer who was bit twice sustained lacerations to his bicep and finger. He was transported to a local hospital for treatment.

The responding officer sustained back and knee injuries subduing the inmate. He was treated at the facility and remained on duty.

The third attack occurred on Monday, June 3. Initially, an inmate returned to his dorm without permission from staff during a meal run. When he was ordered to submit to a pat frisk inside the dorm, the inmate came off the wall and elbowed the officer in the forehead. The officer immediately put the inmate in a body hold and forced him to the ground where he remained combative. Handcuffs were applied and all further force ceased.

The officer sustained forehead, shoulder and elbow injuries in the incident. He was treated at the facility infirmary and remained on duty.

“In one of the three assaults on staff at Mid-State, the inmate who committed the attack is scheduled for a parole hearing next month. Certainly, the parole board should take into consideration that he injured two officers, biting one officer twice, sending him to the local hospital. Not only should he be denied parole, he should be prosecuted for felony assault. If his prison stint is extended as a result of his violent actions, maybe he will think twice about attacking staff the next time. Without a legitimate disciplinary system in our prisons, it is literally our last line of defense to protect staff. ” – stated Bryan Hluska, NYSCOPBA Central Region Vice President.