



Violence Continues to Plague at Greene Correctional Facility

Two Officers Injured by Inmates, Multiple Weapons Recovered Inside Facility

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Coxsackie, NY – The month of June saw an escalation in violence at the medium security facility with two officers being injured by two inmates, multiple inmate on inmate fights that resulted in three inmates being cut with weapons and contraband recovered at the prison.

During approximately a month period, eleven inmate on inmate fights occurred, with three inmates being cut to their face with make-shift weapons, three assaults on staff, eleven weapons recovered as well as drugs recovered from an inmate's cube and a visitor at the facility.

The two officers assaulted sustained hand, shoulder and head injuries when on consecutive days two inmates attacked the officers. The first incident occurred on Wednesday, June 5. Two officers were escorting an inmate to an interview room. When the inmate entered the room, he head butted one officer in the head. The inmate was immediately placed in a body hold and forced to the floor. All force ceased when the inmate became compliant.

The following day, an inmate was running and yelling in the dorm and ignored all orders from an officer to stop. The inmate approached the officer and grabbed the officer around waist. The officer attempted to break free as the inmate continued to violently hold the officer around the waist. Another inmate in the dorm approached the attack and assisted in getting the inmate off the officer. Once additional staff arrived, the inmate became compliant. He was placed in a Special Housing Unit after the incident and faces internal disciplinary charges.

Drugs were also recovered at the facility when a K9 alerted on an inmate's cube, a visitor at the facility and during a pat frisk of an inmate in three separate searches. In all, four bundles of a green leafy

substance and paper sprayed with an unknown liquid were recovered. The visitor was arrested and charged with Promoting Prison Contraband 2nd.

During the inmate on inmate fights, three inmates sustained cuts to their face that were consistent with a cutting type weapon. During several searches of inmate dorms and cells, eleven weapons were recovered by staff.

“What occurred during the month of June is a microcosm of what occurs year round in all of our prisons. Staff being assaulted, inmate on inmate fights, and weapons and drugs are part of the culture unfortunately. When the HALT Act was passed, it stripped away any semblance of control over violent inmates. It is the reality that our members have to face in Greene and every other prison in the state. Thankfully in Greene County, the district attorney is aggressive in prosecuting inmates who attack staff or who bring drugs and weapons into the facility. For that we are fortunate. Other prisons across the state aren’t as lucky. ” - stated Joe Horacek, NYSCOPBA Mid-Hudson Region Vice President.