



## ***Officer Hurt, Visitor Arrested at Mohawk Correctional Facility***

### ***Inmate Violence Continues to Plague Prison***

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**Rome, NY** – Inmate on inmate violence continues at a rapid rate at the medium security correctional facility and prisons across the state as a staggering number of assaults on inmates and staff continue at historical rates in 2024.

At the current pace, inmate on inmate assaults will rise by fifty percent from 2023 and threaten to exceed 3000 assaults in 2024. Inmate on staff assaults will rise by thirty percent from the previous year.

In the span of five days last week, between August 2 and August 6, there were seven inmate on inmate fights, with two inmates needing to be treated at local hospitals for a broken jaw and multiple abrasions and cuts.

During the same time period, one officer sustained a knee injury after an allegedly intoxicated inmate kicked the officer in the knee as he attempted to pat frisk the inmate for contraband.

Initially, the officer handcuffed the inmate and was attempting to frisk him. The inmate kicked rearward, kicking the officer in the knee, and then turned around and began to advance on the officer while still handcuffed. The officer administered OC spray, which was effective. The inmate became compliant and was removed from the dorm.

On the same day, a visitor was arrested for Promoting Prison Contraband 1<sup>st</sup> and Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance 5<sup>th</sup> after she turned over two bundles she had hidden in her pants when investigators were conducting searches with a K9.

The two bundles contained 18 grams of Marijuana, 22 pills that later tested positive for Ecstasy, and one paper sheet saturated with an unknown liquid.

The female suspect was transported to the State Police barracks in Marcy and processed.

“The number of assaults are staggering in our facilities and there is no end in sight. Short staffing, mandated overtime and ridiculous disciplinary policies have contributed to the historic levels of violence. In four short years, inmate on inmate violence will have tripled at its current pace. There is literally nothing left to protect staff and other inmates from being attacked by violent inmates who know there is no disciplinary system left to punish them. Our members are literally treading water trying to keep themselves safe while performing their duties to the best of their abilities. It is a unsustainable system in its current form and the state needs to take immediate action to address the violence.”-stated Bryan Hluska , Central Region Vice President.