



## ***Two Officers Injured at Five Points Correctional Facility***

### ***Officer Struck in Face with Padlock***

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**Romulus, NY** – Two officers were injured when they entered an infirmary cell and were attacked by an inmate who was destroying property inside the cell at the maximum security correctional facility.

On Thursday, August 22, an officer conducting rounds in the facility infirmary heard banging and yelling coming from one of the hospital cells. When he went to investigate, the officer observed the inmate on the hospital bed ripping out electrical wires from the bed and destroying the fire alarm on the ceiling. The officer gave several orders to stop but the inmate ignored the orders. The officer called for a staff response and a supervisor and another officer arrived at the cell. After several more orders were ignored, the cell door was opened and one officer entered the cell. The inmate, who was still standing on the hospital bed, jumped off and struck the officer in the face armed with a padlock in his hand. The second officer entered the cell and the two officers placed the inmate in a body hold and forced him to the floor. On the floor, the inmate continued to struggle and refused to drop the padlock. The officers used force, which caused the inmate to drop the padlock to the floor. He was placed in handcuffs and brought to his feet and the padlock recovered as evidence.

After being evaluated, the inmate was placed on watch in a cell after he declared he was suicidal. He is currently serving a one to four year sentence after being convicted in Oneida County in 2024 for Attempting to Make Terroristic Threats.

The two injured officers were treated by medical staff at the facility. The officer who was initially assaulted sustained pain and swelling to his face, a laceration to his ear and elbow and wrist pain. The second officer sustained an elbow injury subduing the inmate. Both officers were treated and remained on duty.

“With four months left in the calendar year, the assaults keep coming at a record pace. Currently, we are on pace to exceed 2000 assaults on staff, the first time we ever have exceeded that number. The reality is, the assaults will continue and they are a direct result of the disastrous criminal justice policies the State Legislature has passed over the last several years, including the HALT Act. None of that will change until they realize that our members are overworked, understaffed and are daily targets of inmate violence with a watered down disciplinary systems. It is literally a miracle that we didn’t have an officer killed or critically injured as a result of inmate violence this year. All year long, officers have been subjected to working mandatory overtime and forced to work on their regular days off away from their families because of staffing shortages and DOCCS inability to retain and recruit new officers. It is an unsustainable system and needs to be immediately addressed by the department and our elected officials. How would Governor Hochul fair getting struck with a padlock and knowing the convict doesn’t get penalized, then find out she’s mandated? That’s what happens to the officers at Five Points and all across the state daily!”- stated Kenny Gold, Western Region Vice President.