



## ***Eight Officers Injured at Sing Sing Correctional Facility***

*Three Separate Inmate Attacks Occur at Facility*

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**Ossining, NY**—Eight officers were injured by three inmates during three separate attacks that occurred at the maximum security correctional facility this week.

On Sunday, September 15, a female officer was monitoring inmates returning to their cells from the mess hall. She observed one inmate, loitering outside his cell and ordered him into the cell. The inmate refused and approached the officer in an aggressive manner. The officer attempted to grab her OC spray and the inmate slapped her hand away from it. He grabbed the officer by her uniform shirt with both hands and proceeded to strike her several times in the upper body before throwing her to the ground. The inmate attempted to pin her to the floor as another officer, who heard the attack, responded to the cell block. The second officer grabbed the inmate in a body hold and pulled him away from the female officer and forced him into the fence of the cell block. He forced the inmate's arms behind his back with the assistance of a third officer and applied handcuffs. Once in handcuffs, the inmate became compliant. He was escorted off the cell block and brought for evaluation.

After being evaluated, the inmate, 31, who is serving a 39 year to life sentence after being convicted of Attempted Murder 1<sup>st</sup> in connection with shooting a police officer three times in Cortland County in 2020, was transferred to Eastern Correctional Facility.

The female officer was treated for ankle, wrist, elbow and chest injuries at the facility. The two officers who responded to the assault sustained hand, shoulder and wrist injuries. All three remained on duty.

The second assault occurred on the same day. An inmate, who is serving a 20 years to life sentence for killing a 17 month old baby, attempted to go back to the mess hall without permission. An officer ordered the inmate back to his cell and he refused. The inmate approached the officer and grabbed him by the shirt and began to strike him several times in the left eye. A second officer responded and grabbed the inmate in a body hold and forced him to the ground. On the ground and still combative, the inmate elbowed the second officer in the face. After a brief struggle, the two officers were able to apply handcuffs and all forced ceased. The inmate was brought to his feet and escorted out of the cell block.

The inmate was convicted of Murder 2<sup>nd</sup> in Monroe County in 2016 after he fractured ribs, caused brain bleeding and hemorrhaging that resulted in the death of the 17 month old baby.

The two officers sustained elbow, facial, knee and hand injuries. They were both treated by medical staff at the facility and remained on duty.

The last assault occurred outside the facility at Mt. Vernon Medical Hospital. Two officers had escorted an inmate for treatment at the hospital. While in the emergency room, the inmate stood up while medical staff attempted to put an IV in his arm. One of the officers ordered the inmate to sit down and he refused. The officer approached the inmate and attempted to apply handcuffs. The inmate slipped out of one of the cuffs and struck the officer in the face. A third officer in another emergency room heard the commotion and responded to the assault. He grabbed the inmate in a body hold and was struck several times in the stomach by the inmate before staff were able to reapply handcuffs. Once in handcuffs, the inmate became compliant.

The three officers sustained hand, wrist, facial, eye and shoulder injuries. They were treated by medical staff and remained on duty

“Already faced with staffing shortages and mandatory overtime, assaults on staff continue at a record pace, adding eight more officers who sustained injuries at the hands of three inmates from Sing Sing in the course of two days. What will it take for the State Legislature and the Governor to realize how dangerous an environment they have created for staff with their policies for them to take corrective actions to fix it once and for all? As we approach the new year and a new legislative session, it should be a priority for our elected officials to address the on-going violence in all of our state prisons. We are literally at a breaking point with no end in sight to the violence and these brave men and women deserve to work in an environment where their safety is the number one priority.”-stated David Luther, NYSCOPBA Southern Region Vice President.