



Inmate on Inmate Violence Continues at Mohawk Correctional Facility

Drugs, Weapons Recovered by Staff, Visitor Arrested

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Rome, NY – As record violence continues in state correctional facilities, Mohawk Correctional Facility continues to be plagued with inmate on inmate violence, cuttings and drugs at the medium security prison.

Towards the latter part of last summer and early fall, there were another eight inmate on inmate fights, two weapons seized, drugs confiscated from three inmates and one visitor and six inmates who sustained cuttings at the hand of other inmates with unknown weapons.

One inmate needed to be transported to a local hospital for a fractured cheek and laceration to his head after being attacked by another inmate.

Staff continued to recover drugs and weapons during searches. During two pat frisks of inmates, officers recovered two ceramic blades with make-shift handles. Marijuana and synthetic marijuana were also recovered from inmate's dorm cubes during staff searches after a K9 alerted to the drugs. A visitor was also arrested for Promoting Prison Contraband 2nd, after a K9 alerted to her during an inmate visit. The visitor voluntarily turned over the drugs, which tested positive for marijuana. She was transported to the Marcy State Police barracks and processed.

All the inmates involved face disciplinary charges. No staff were injured.

“The statistics don’t lie – our prisons are as violent as they been and 2024 already set the single year record for inmate on inmate assaults and inmate on staff assaults, with two months left in the calendar year. The system is unsustainable with short staffing, mandatory overtime and a disciplinary system that is so weak inmates know there are no ramifications for their actions. Thankfully in the latest incidents at Mohawk no staff were injured. Our medium security prisons are as violent as our maximums, sometimes even worse. It clearly shows you how violent the inmate population has become. Sadly, this is going to continue unless state legislators reverse some of their horrible criminal justice policies and we certainly won’t hold our breath that will occur any time soon. ” – stated Bryan Hluska , Central Region Vice President.