



## ***Officer Jumped by Inmate at Sing Sing Correctional Facility***

*Victim Sustains Broken Foot in Attack*

### **For Immediate Release**

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**Ossining, NY** –An officer sustained a broken foot and other injuries after an inmate attacked him in the stairwell of the maximum-security correctional facility last Monday.

At approximately 10:38 a.m., inmates were returning from morning recreation heading back to their respective cells. One inmate was observed yelling in the stairway between two cell blocks. An officer ordered the inmate to continue to his cell and he refused. The officer approached the inmate and gave him another order to return to his cell. The inmate punched the officer in the face and grabbed the officer's uniform jacket and threw him down the stairs. The inmate got on top of the officer and continued to assault him. A second officer responded to the attack and placed the inmate in a body hold and pulled him off the injured officer. The inmate was able to break free from the body hold and lunged towards the injured officer. A response was called for assistance and additional staff responded to the stairwell. When staff arrived, the inmate was still combative. He was placed in another body hold and his arms were forced behind his back. Handcuffs were applied and all forced ceased. Once in handcuffs, the inmate became compliant.

The injured officer was transported by ambulance to Westchester Medical Center and treated for knee, ankle, and facial injuries. X-rays indicated a broken bone in the officer's left foot.

Two officers who responded to the attack sustained wrist, hip, back and neck injuries subduing the inmate. They were treated by medical staff at the facility and remained on duty.

The inmate, 32, was transferred to Coxsackie Correctional Facility after the incident. He is serving a two-to-four-year sentence after being convicted in New York County in 2023 for Criminal Possession of a Weapon 3<sup>rd</sup>.

“Another serious assault at Sing Sing that resulted in another officer sustaining a significant injury that will keep him out of work for months. This latest attack comes on the heels of an officer getting slashed in the face by an inmate at the prison. The inmate in the latest attack is scheduled for conditional release in six months. I would strongly encourage the Westchester County District Attorney’s Office to send a strong message and prosecute this inmate for felony assault. Successful prosecution that results in longer sentences for violent inmates who attack staff is literally the last line of defense we have to keep them safe and deter inmates from future attacks. Not every situation warrants it or is feasible to prosecute, but this attack certainly does.”-stated David Luther, NYSCOPBA Southern Region Vice President.