



### ***Officer Attacked by Convicted Murderer at Sing Sing Correctional Facility***

*Sustains Multiple Injuries and Transported to Hospital after other Inmates Join in the Attack*

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**Ossining, NY** –A 31-year-old convicted murderer viciously attacked an officer in a cell block inside of Sing Sing Correctional Facility last week, sending the officer to Westchester Medical Center for head injuries after three other inmates joined in the attack.

The attack occurred on Wednesday, December 11. The officer was supervising inmates coming back from the mess hall and observed the inmate loitering outside his cell. The officer ordered the inmate to lock into his cell and he refused. When the officer approached the inmate, he punched the officer in the head several times. The officer immediately grabbed the inmate in a body hold as he continued to be hit in the head and upper body. A second officer heard the attack and called for a response. When the second officer responded to the assault, the inmate and officer were on the cell block floor and the inmate continued to punch the officer. The two officers continued to struggle to get the inmate under control when three other inmates joined in the attack and kicked and punched the first officer.

When additional staff arrived, they were able to subdue the first inmate as the three inmates who joined in the attack attempted to flee. Handcuffs were applied to the inmate, and he became compliant. He was escorted off the cell block for evaluation. After the attack, he was transferred to Shawangunk Correctional Facility. He is currently serving a 15 year to life sentence after being convicted in Kings County for Murder 2<sup>nd</sup> in 2024.

The three inmates who joined in the attack were apprehended shortly after the incident and identified by the injured officer. They were transported to Eastern, Coxsackie and Greenhaven Correctional Facilities.

The injured officer was treated by medical staff at the facility and transported to Westchester Medical Center for treatment of multiple abrasions, bruising and swelling to his head and upper body. He did not return to duty.

The second officer who initially responded was not injured.

“Last week’s assault on one of our officers could have resulted in much more serious injuries to the officer when after the initial attack, three inmates joined in. The officer was punched and kicked multiple times in the head and upper body and the assault surely would have continued except for the quick response of other staff. The end result was another officer injured and sent to the local hospital and now out of work for an extended period. This has become the norm in all our prisons without any real disciplinary system to deter attacks from occurring. Faced with staffing shortages and mandatory overtime, our members are being pushed to the brink with little or no help in sight and they certainly deserve much more support than they are currently receiving.”-stated David Luther, NYSCOPBA Southern Region Vice President.