



## ***Convicted Rapist Attacks Female Officer Mid-State Correctional Facility***

*Latest Attack on Staff Continues Historic Levels of Violence in Prisons*

### **For Immediate Release**

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**Marcy, NY** – A female officer was attacked and punched in the face by a 29 year old inmate who is serving a 14 year sentence after being convicted for rape and burglary in 2014.

On Thursday, February 13, the officer was monitoring medication runs when the inmate ran up to the officer and punched her in the face without any provocation. He immediately turned and ran out of the building as the officer called for an emergency response. A sergeant responding to the call, located the inmate outside on the walkway. He ordered the inmate to go to the ground and he refused. The sergeant utilized OC spray, which had no effect. The inmate turned and ran up the walkway with the sergeant in pursuit. The sergeant caught the inmate in a body hold and forced him to the ground. On the ground, with the assistance of another officer, handcuffs were applied. Once in handcuffs, the inmate became compliant. He was brought to his feet and escorted to the infirmary for evaluation.

The female officer sustained bruising and swelling to her mouth and jaw. The sergeant sustained abrasions and swelling to his hands and knees. Both were treated by medical staff at the facility and remained on duty.

The inmate was convicted of Rape 1<sup>st</sup> and Burglary 2<sup>nd</sup> after he broke into a female's apartment in Manhattan while delivering pizza to her neighbor. The victim was sleeping at the time of the sexual assault. He is eligible for parole in May.

“In five years, assaults on staff have doubled. In the same time period, inmate on inmate assaults have tripled. The system is entirely broken and unsafe for staff and those inmates who abide by the rules. The inmates who commit these attacks are emboldened to do so because they know the ramifications amount to a slap on the wrist. Unless the correctional system changes to address the on-going violence against staff, especially those who are dedicated to the job and perform it with professionalism, we will continue to lose officers who are leaving the job as a result of the violence and lack of any semblance of family life. No wonder recruiting new officers is so difficult, why would you want to subject yourselves to these risks every day.” – said Bryan Hluska, Central Region Vice President