



## ***Inmate Barricades Himself in Cell, Attacks Staff Who Entered at Five Points Correctional Facility***

*Injured Officers Taken to Local Hospital for Unknown Substance Exposure*

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**Romulus, NY** – Four officers were transported to a local hospital after they became nauseous, began vomiting and were treated with Narcan after having to subdue an inmate who barricaded himself at the maximum-security facility.

On Friday, April 4, the 26-year-old inmate had returned to his cell from the mental health unit. When he was locked in his cell, he told an officer he was suicidal. He proceeds to cover his cell window with a blanket and refused to respond to staff. A response was called and four officers, one armed with a plastic defense shield, opened the cell door and entered. The inmate suddenly struck the plastic shield and punched the officer in the head. The officer used the shield to push the inmate to the back of the cell. He remained extremely combative and would not let officers handcuff him. They placed him in body holds and forced him to the floor. Still combative on the floor, officers were able to apply leg restraints. He continued to fight with officers until they were able to force his arms behind his back and apply handcuffs. He was placed on a gurney and removed from the cell. During the escort to the mental health unit, he attempted several times to sit up and bite staff but was unsuccessful.

He was brought to the mental health unit and placed in a cell for observation after being evaluated by medical staff. He is currently serving a 10-year sentence after being convicted in Oneida County for Robbery 2<sup>nd</sup> in 2016.

Four officers were injured in the incident and were treated at the medical facility for head, back, knee, wrist, and shoulder injuries. During treatment, all four officers became nauseous and began vomiting. Medical staff administered Narcan to four officers with no visible effect. The four officers were transported to Geneva General Hospital for further treatment and evaluation.

The inmate's cell was searched for contraband with no results. It is undetermined at this time what substance the officers were exposed to at this time.

"The most frustrating aspect right now is we have had multiple staff exposed to unknown substances who needed to be treated with Narcan and transported to hospitals because of the serious symptoms they were experiencing, and it still has not been determined in any of the exposures what the substance was. It is frightening to know that when officers have contact with inmates, they start vomiting with blurred vision and even losing consciousness, are clearly coming into contact with some type of dangerous substances. This isn't new to our state prisons, it's happening almost daily across the state. While there is new technology being utilized by DOCCS, our legislators need to work together to address what is happening in these circumstances. Stopping the drugs from coming into the facilities should be the top priority before someone loses their life due to contraband that should never be entering the prisons in the first place!" - stated Kenny Gold, NYSCOPBA Western Region Vice President.