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Inmate Injures Security Hospital Treatment Assistant at Kirby Forensic

Female SHTA Sustains Fractured Wrist

Manhattan , NY – A male inmate patient attacked a female SHTA at Kirby Forensic Psychiatric Center and injured a second SHTA when she came to assist the first SHTA during the attack.

The incident occurred on November 16 at approximately 2:30 PM on the 11th floor of the Psychiatric Center, which is located in Manhattan. The male inmate patient attacked the first SHTA and as the assault was occurring a second SHTA rushed to her aid. While trying to get the inmate patient under control, the SHTA fell to the ground causing her to fracture her wrist.

The inmate patient was still struggling with both SHTA's and was finally subdued by members of the Psychiatric Emergency Response Team (PERT) that had responded to the scene.

The injured SHTA was taken to a local hospital for treatment. She was treated and released but is not able to return to work at this time.

The first SHTA was not injured in the incident.

"This is another prime example of how dangerous the environment is inside our forensic psychiatric centers. Two female SHTA's, armed with limited resources, fighting with a convicted felon is an extremely dangerous situation. I am thankful that the injury sustained was not more serious, but the fact that the PERT team had to respond tells you how volatile the situation was. What will it take for OMH to get the message that they need to do more to protect our SHTA's and SSO's? ," stated John Harmon, Vice President of Law Enforcement.

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