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Six Officers Injured in Attack at Green Haven Correctional Facility

Three Inmates Injure Officers During Escort

Stormville , NY – Six correction officers from Green Haven Correctional Facility sustained non-life threatening injuries yesterday evening while escorting three inmates for medication at the maximum security prison.

The incident occurred at 7:30 PM last evening. One female officer was escorting three inmates from a cell block to receive medication. One of the inmates, Charlie Scott, was being very loud and disruptive in the hallway. The officer directed Inmate Scott to calm down but he refused. As the inmate walked into the clinic, he was still loud and disruptive. The female officer attempted to calm the inmate down but was unsuccessful.

As the officer was attempting to calm Inmate Scott down, the other two inmates, Dontavious Wiley and Gerald Howard, surrounded her. The officer ordered both inmates to back away but they refused. She ordered them a second time and they refused again. The officer used her radio to call for assistance.

A second officer entered the clinic and attempted to assist the first officer. Inmates Wiley and Howard were in a threatening stance against both officers. Without provocation, Inmate Howard struck the second officer in the face.

The first officer called for additional officers and a sergeant arrived on the scene. Inmate Wiley charged the female officer, grabbed her and they both fell to the ground. While on the ground, Inmate Wiley struck the officer in the face, as well as the second officer who had come to her aid. A third officer who had responded to the scene was grabbed by the arm and dragged to the ground by the inmate.

A fourth officer attempted to put Inmate Wiley in a body hold but was unsuccessful. He was able to get the inmate to the floor where he broke free again. Additional officers were now on the scene and were able to get the inmate to the wall and restrained.

Officers were able to get Inmate Howard to the floor and into restraints but not before struggling violently with him.

Once the scene was under control, Inmate Scott, who is serving 25 years for Manslaughter 1st after being convicted in Monroe County in 2007, was placed in a special housing unit.

Inmate Wiley continued to be combative and disruptive while being escorted by officers to the special housing unit. The inmate was searched after the incident and officers located a plexi-glass shank measuring 6 ½ inches inside of a cardboard sheath and hidden inside the inmate's underwear. Wiley, who is serving 25 years for Manslaughter 1st after being convicted in Monroe County in 2008, was placed in a special housing unit.

Inmate Howard, who is serving two years after being convicted in Kings County for Attempted Weapons Possession 2nd in 2016, had to be transported to an outside hospital for treatment and will be placed in a special housing unit when he returns.

All three inmates face internal disciplinary charges.

Two officers had to be transported to Mid-Hudson Regional Medical Center for treatment and did not return to duty.

Four officers were seen by the facility medical staff, treated and remained on duty.

“This was an extremely violent and volatile situation for all of our officers involved. What started out as a medication run to the clinic turned out to be very dangerous for all of our officers when the three inmates attacked and hurt six officers. We are very lucky that none of our officers, three which were female, sustained serious injuries but it easily could have turned out that way, especially after we learned one inmate was armed with a makeshift weapon. It is our sincere hope that DOCCS will pursue criminal charges against these inmates and it serves as a deterrent for future attacks”, stated Michael Mazzella, Mid-Hudson Region Vice President.