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Officer Injured After Being Attacked By Inmate

Sustains Nasal Fracture and Head Laceration

Gouverneur, NY – A correction officer was attacked and beaten by a 37 year old inmate serving seven years for weapons possession at Gouverneur Correctional Facility.

The incident occurred on Tuesday, February 7, at approximately 12:25 AM at the medium security correctional facility. The officer was working his shift assigned to one of the inmate dorms and was monitoring the inmate movement in and out of the bathroom. One inmate, Terrance Haynes, approached the officer and began to verbally harass him.

The officer ordered Inmate Haynes to enter the recreation area of the dorm but he refused. He continued his abusive behavior towards the officer. The officer ordered him a second time to go the recreation area when, unprovoked, the inmate attacked and punched the officer in the face. The officer grabbed the inmate in a body hold but fell to the ground when he tripped. The officer hit his head on the floor when he fell. Inmate Haynes continued the assault and struck the officer several more times in the face and head.

The officer was able to activate his alarm while protecting himself from attack.

A response team arrived at the dorm to assist the officer. Approximately 30 inmates exited their bunks and came into the recreation area and briefly surrounded the response team. After arguing with the officers, the inmates returned to their sleeping cubes without further incident.

Inmate Haynes, who was now under control, was removed from the dorm and placed in a special housing unit.

Haynes, who was convicted in New York County in 2016 for Criminal Possession of a Weapon 2nd, was transferred to Upstate Correctional Facility and placed in a special housing unit. He faces disciplinary charges in the attack.

The injured officer was transported to Gouverneur Hospital and treated for a nasal fracture, swollen left eye, scalp contusion and head injury. He was treated and released from the hospital.

“This was an extremely violent and volatile situation for the officer involved in the assault. He was brutally attacked by the inmate, who continued his assault even after the officer tripped and fell and hit his head. The situation could have even been worse when a large group of inmates surrounded the response team in a threatening manner but we are thankful that situation was quelled. It is our sincere hope that DOCCS will pursue criminal charges against this inmate and it serves as a deterrent for future attacks”, stated Paul Lashway, Central Region Vice President .

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