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Inmate Attacks Officer at Mid-State Correctional Facility
Three Officers Injured During Assault

Marcy, NY – Three correction officers sustained minor injuries when an inmate refused orders from an officer and then turned on him and attacked him inside a special housing unit.

The incident occurred on Wednesday, February 23, at approximately 2:35 PM at the medium security prison. Inmate Timothy Prude was in the frisk room of the special housing unit exchanging his clothing. He was placed in the special housing unit for disciplinary reasons. The officer in the room took the inmate's restraints off and gave Inmate Prude several orders, which he ignored. Unprovoked, Inmate Prude punched the officer in the face with a closed fist. He came at the officer to continue the attack. The officer was able to grab the inmate but lost his balance and fell to the floor with the inmate on top of him.

The officer ordered the inmate to stop the attack. Two additional officers responded to the room. After a brief struggle, the two officers were able to get the inmate in restraints.

Inmate Prude was removed from the room and placed in a holding cell.

The three officers were taken to the medical facility at the prison and treated for minor injuries that included scratches, bruising and contusions. All three officers remained on duty.

Inmate Prude, who was convicted in 2016 in Kings County for felony assault, faces disciplinary charges. He is currently serving a five year sentence.

"Another unprovoked attack on one of our officers by an inmate that already was facing disciplinary charges and was being placed in a special housing unit. The officer did an excellent job defending himself and the other two officers should be commended for responding so quickly to stop the attack. Even though in many instances the injuries are not life threatening, the nature of the assaults within this closed environment pose a serious threat to our members", stated Paul Lashway, Central Region Vice President.