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## ***Three Officers Injured at Hudson Correctional Facility***

### ***Officer Breaks Ankle After Being Attacked by 17 Year Old Inmate***

**Hudson , NY** - Three officers assigned to Hudson Correctional Facility were injured Tuesday afternoon when a 17 year old inmate refused to comply with orders given to him by an officer and attacked the officer in the gymnasium.

The assault occurred at 1:00 PM at the medium security prison. Inmates were being escorted into the gym. An officer assigned to the gym noticed Inmate Ulyse Lugo was wearing a knit cap, which is not allowed to be worn in the gym. The officer told Inmate Lugo to remove his hat. The inmate refused the order and became unruly and aggressive. The officer ordered the inmate against the wall in order to be frisked. The inmate refused that order as well. The officer approached the inmate. Inmate Lugo violently pushed the officer in the upper body. The officer attempted to restrain Inmate Lugo with the assistance of a second officer who had come to the scene. Inmate Lugo violently struggled with the officers. Inmate Lugo and both officers fell to the ground during the struggle.

A response team arrived on the scene and attempted to gain control of the inmate as he continued to fight. After the brief struggle, several officers were able to subdue the inmate and get him into restraints.

Two of the injured officers were taken to Columbia Memorial Hospital for treatment. One officer was treated for a broken ankle. The second officer sustained a laceration to his elbow and bruised ribs. Both officers were later released.

The third officer sustained minor knee, back and hand injuries.

All three officers did not return to duty.

Inmate Lugo was transferred to Coxsackie Correctional Facility. He is serving a three year sentence after being convicted in Bronx County in 2017 for Attempted Criminal Possession of a Weapon 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Lugo was arrested in 2016 as a result of a joint investigation by the Bronx District Attorney's Office and NYPD in which 40 alleged gang members were indicted for a series of violent acts dating back to 2012. The crimes included four homicides, five stabbings and numerous shootings and armed robberies. The Bronx District Attorney described the gang as the largest Blood set on the East Coast.

"On the same day the Governor issues a press release on "Raise The Age" and implies that 16 and 17 year old convicted felons are being abused by prison staff, three of our members were injured in a violent attack by a 17 year old alleged gang member. The Governor chose to describe many of the 16 and 17 year olds as non-violent offenders. I would argue that Inmate Lugo, who was arrested as part of a large takedown of a violent gang in the Bronx, does not fit into that category! The fact is our members are getting attacked at a historic rate and deserve support, not the convicted criminals", stated Michael Mazzella, Mid-Hudson Region Vice President.

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