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**For Immediate Release**

***Two Officers Injured at Willard Drug Treatment Campus***

***Disruptive Inmate Attacks Officer While Being Counseled***

**Willard , NY** - Two correction officers were injured at the Willard Drug Treatment Campus when an inmate, who was being counseled by one of the officers, punched the officer twice in the head and kicked another officer in the knee when he came to help.

The incident occurred on Saturday, March 4, at approximately 9:15 AM. Inmate Raymond Janicki was being disruptive in one of the facility dorms. He was arguing with staff and acting out. The officer assigned to the dorm ordered the inmate out of the dorm and into an adjacent room.

The officer entered the room with Inmate Janicki to counsel him on his behavior.

Unprovoked, the inmate struck the officer twice in the head with closed fists. The officer defended himself, struck the inmate back and placed him in a body hold. The inmate continued to fight with the officer and they both went to the ground.

The second officer heard the commotion and came in to assist the officer. The second officer placed a body hold on the inmate as he continued to struggle. The inmate was able to free his leg and kick the officer in the knee.

Both officers grabbed the inmate and were able to pin him to the ground and get restraints on.

The inmate was removed from the room and has been transferred to Five Points Correctional Facility. He faces disciplinary charges.

One officer was treated by medical personnel for an abrasion over the left eye. The second officer was treated for an abrasion to his right knee. Both officers stayed on duty.

Inmate Janicki, 26, is serving a 3 to 7 year sentence for Burglary 3<sup>rd</sup> after being convicted in Erie County in 2016. He was at Willard because he had violated parole.

Willard is operated by DOCCS in collaboration with the Office of Alcoholism & Substance Abuse Services (OASAS) as a sentencing option for low level drug offenders and parole violators. It houses both men and women.

“Governor Cuomo, in many of his speeches and press releases on corrections, has talked about the need to provide alternatives for non-violent offenders so they don’t fall into the vicious cycle of repeat offenders. Well, Inmate Janicki was one those non-violent offenders who was placed at Willard Drug Treatment Campus as an alternative to being incarcerated in a prison, yet he chose to act violently and attack an officer and injure a second. Clearly, the Governor doesn’t understand that our members, regardless of what facility they are assigned to, are at constant risk of getting attacked. They, more than anyone, deserve everyone’s support since they work in some of the most dangerous environments imaginable,” stated Joe Miano, Western Region Vice President.

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