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## ***Inmate Attacks, Injures Four Correction Officers***

### ***Two Officers Sustain Concussions, One Hospitalized After Attack***

**Stormville, NY** - A 33 year old inmate violently attacked and injured four officers at Green Haven Correctional Facility last week leaving one officer hospitalized at Vassar Hospital.

The attack occurred on Thursday, May 25, at approximately 8:15 AM. The inmate, who is serving a 10 year sentence, was in the infirmary being examined. After finishing the examination, two nurses and two officers began to exit the infirmary. The inmate, whose name is not being released, started to follow the nurses out the exit. One of the officers ordered the inmate to stop but he refused. The officer approached the inmate and was struck by him twice in the face. The second officer grabbed the inmate and pushed him up against the wall. The inmate was able to break free from the officer and punched him in the face, causing the officer to fall to the floor, knocking him unconscious.

A third officer responded to the scene and was punched in the head and body by the inmate. The two officers grabbed him as he continued to kick and punch the officers. The officers were able to force the inmate to the floor. A fourth officer entered the room and witnessed the two officers still struggling with the inmate. He applied pepper spray to the inmate to get him to comply without any affect.

The officers were finally able to get the inmate's hands behind his back and into restraints.

The officer knocked unconscious regained consciousness and was transported by ambulance to Vassar Hospital. He sustained a bloody nose, concussion and numbness to his extremities. He was hospitalized overnight for observation.

A second officer was transported by ambulance to Vassar Hospital. He was treated for a concussion, facial, neck, and arm contusions. He was treated and released from the hospital.

A third officer was also brought to Vassar by ambulance and treated for a cervical strain and a contusion to his left rib. He was treated and released.

All three officers have not returned to duty.

A fourth officer sustained minor injuries in the attack but remained on duty.

The inmate was convicted in New York County in 2013 for Attempted Murder 2<sup>nd</sup>, Assault 1<sup>st</sup>, and Robbery 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>. He was transferred to Sullivan Correctional Facility after the incident.

"This incident is a perfect example of how dangerous the environment can be inside our prisons. A single inmate was able to attack and seriously injure two officers and injure two others. The attack was unprovoked. Earlier that morning the same inmate struck a female officer with an unopened tin can while she made her rounds so it was very clear the inmate was agitated and dangerous. The day before, an inmate attempted to attack three officers with a make shift wooden shank. Pepper spray was utilized in that incident but without any affect. The environment for our members continues to get more dangerous every day without DOCCS making any changes to protect them," stated Michael Mazzella, Mid-Hudson Region Vice President.

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