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Inmates Stab Each Other at Franklin Correctional Facility

NYSCOPBA Objected To Superintendent's Policy to Issue Metal Utensils

Malone, NY – Two inmates stabbed each other with metal dinner forks during an altercation at the medium security prison on Friday, March 9, 2018 at approximately 7:25 a.m.

The incident occurred during the morning meal. One inmate stood up and stabbed the other inmate in the head. The injured inmate retaliated and punched the inmate in the face and stabbed him in the left wrist.

Staff at the facility gave several orders for the inmates to stop fighting but they ignored them. Officers intervened and got both inmates in body holds and into restraints.

The inmates were taken to the facility infirmary and transferred to a local hospital. Both inmates were treated for puncture wounds and released and returned to the facility. They face disciplinary measures.

“On multiple occasions we have voiced our concern to the Franklin Superintendent regarding the dangers of issuing metal forks to inmates during meals. As inmate on staff assaults and inmate on inmate assaults continue to be a serious safety issue and danger, the superintendent blatantly disregarded our concerns, not to mention the safety of our officers and other inmates incarcerated at the facility. There is simply no reason that inmates need to be issued metal utensils that can be utilized as a weapon when there are safer options available.” – said John Roberts, Northern Region Vice President.