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## **Officers Injured in Inmate Attack with Metal Chair at Bare Hill Correctional Facility**

**Malone, NY** – Four officers were injured at Bare Hill Correctional Facility when an inmate struck an officer with a metal chair.

The attack occurred on the night of Thursday, May 3 when an officer witnessed an inmate who appeared sick in his housing unit. When the officer asked the inmate if he was OK, he began screaming and yelling at the officer. The officer immediately called for assistance.

The inmate was given several orders to calm down, but became more agitated. He grabbed a metal chair and swung it at the officer, striking him in the arm. Another officer was able to grab the chair away from the inmate who then started to throw punches at the officers, striking one in the throat.

The officers were able to apply a body hold and got the inmate to the ground. As they attempted to apply restraints, the inmate continued to struggle and attempted to bite the officers. After a brief struggle, restraints were applied and the inmate became compliant.

The officer who was struck with the chair sustained injuries to his left arm and throat. He was treated at the infirmary and transported to a local hospital for further treatment. Three officers, who remained on duty, sustained a minor knee injury, pain to the shoulder, back pain and rib pain, and minor abrasions. They were treated at the facility infirmary.

The inmate, who is serving a six year sentence after being convicted in Chemung County in 2015 for Attempted Burglary 2<sup>nd</sup>, was transferred to Franklin Correctional Facility.

“During the investigation of this incident, the inmate admitted to smoking Synthetic Marijuana (K2). As we have seen in previous incidents, this drug is dangerous and can make inmates extremely violent. DOCCS needs to do more to stop dangerous contraband like K2 from getting into the facilities. Until they do, we will continue to have dangerous situations like this,” said John Roberts, Northern Region VP of NYSCOPBA.