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Officers Assaulted at Great Meadow Correctional Facility

Comstock, NY – An inmate injured four officers during an unprovoked attack at Great Meadow Correctional Facility on the morning of Tuesday, May 8.

The inmate was exiting an exam room when he kicked a weight scale, which struck an officer in the foot. When the officer approached the inmate, he was spit on. The officer, with assistance from another officer, placed the inmate in a body hold and forced him to the floor. While on the floor, the inmate continued to fight with the officers.

As additional officers arrived to assist, the inmate elbowed and kicked officers. He bit through a spit net, which had been applied, and spit in the face of one officer and to the neck of another. Once officers had the inmate under control he was removed from the scene and placed back in his cell.

Four officers sustained minor injuries and were treated at a local hospital. Their injuries included a twisted knee, arm and hand pain and shortness of breath. All officers were treated and released from the hospital.

The inmate is serving a four year sentence after being convicted in Chautauqua County in 2016 for Assault 2nd, Burglary 3rd and Criminal Contempt 1st.

“This attack is a pointed reminder of the dangerous environment our members face inside our prisons on a daily basis. Thankfully none of the officers sustained serious injuries. We need to continue to advocate for disciplinary measures that will deter inmates from attacking staff as well as criminally prosecute inmates that commit acts of violence,” said John Roberts, Northern Region VP of NYSCOPBA.

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