



Officer Injured After Unprovoked Attack by Inmate

Ceramic Scalpel Recovered After Incident

For Immediate Release

May 30, 2018

Beekman, NY – An officer was injured at Green Haven Correctional Facility when an inmate attacked him, shoving him into a wall and dragging him to the ground.

The incident occurred on Monday, May 28 as the officer was conducting a pat frisk on the inmate before he went out for recreation. The inmate became agitated during the frisk, reached into his back pants pocket and dropped an unknown object on the floor. As the officer went to retrieve the object, the inmate grabbed him and shoved him into the wall. The officer activated his alarm system and ordered the inmate to release him. The inmate dragged the officer to the floor where he repeatedly punched him in the torso.

The officer was able to use body holds to restrain the inmate as another officer arrived. The responding officer used OC Pepper spray on the inmate to get him under control.

The injured officer was transported to a local hospital for treatment of knee and wrist injuries. He was treated and released. He did not return to duty. A ceramic scalpel, which the inmate was carrying, was recovered from the floor.

The inmate, 27 years old, is serving a seven year sentence after being convicted of two counts each of Assault 2nd and Attempted Arson 3rd in Queens County in 2014. He faces disciplinary charges.

“The department’s policy regarding limiting certain defensive techniques has put all of our members in danger. Our officers second guess themselves at times out of fear of being disciplined by the department instead of using their training and experience to respond quickly to a situation. It’s only a matter of time before a staff member gets critically hurt, or even worse, and that will be on DOCCS hands.” – stated Michael Mazzella, Mid-Hudson Regional Vice President.