



Inmate Attempts to Grab Officer's Firearm

Incident Occurred in Emergency Room of Albany Medical Center

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Albany, NY – An inmate attempted to grab an officers handgun from the holster during an altercation at Albany Medical Center.

The incident occurred on Friday, June 8, at approximately 4:50 a.m. The inmate was in a room in the emergency department when he lunged at the officer from his hospital bed as the officer walked by. He shoved the officer into the wall with both hands and then grabbed at the officer's gun in the holster. With the assistance of another officer the inmate was brought under control after a brief struggle.

The inmate, 27 years old, who is incarcerated at Great Meadow Correctional Facility, was at AMC to receive medical treatment when the incident occurred. He is currently serving a five year sentence after being convicted in Westchester County for Assault 2nd in 2015.

The officers sustained minor injuries in the incident.

"This incident is a pointed reminder of the dangerous environment our members face in all aspects of their profession. The inmate clearly attempted to get the officer's gun out of the holster and was overheard stating that if he was successful he would have killed the officer. Both officers acted quickly and gained control of the inmate and averted what could have been a deadly situation for the officers, hospital staff and patients." – John Roberts, Northern Region VP of NYSCOPBA.