



Officers Injured After Unprovoked Attack by Inmate

One Officer Sustains Fractured Jaw

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Beekman, NY – One officer sustained a fractured jaw while two others were injured during an inmate attack on Friday, June 29, at Green Haven Correctional Facility.

The incident occurred at approximately 8:20 p.m. An inmate ran down a flight of stairs in his cell block, ran up to an officer and punched him in the face. The officer immediately fell to the ground. The inmate turned to another officer and punch her in the right side of the face.

The inmate ran from the scene back up the stairs towards his cell. He was confronted by a third officer who attempted to stop him. The inmate pushed the officer down a flight of stairs and ran back into his cell.

The three officers were initially treated by medical personnel at the facility. They were transported to Vassar Brothers Medical Center. The officer initially assaulted sustained a fractured jaw. The female officer sustained bruising and abrasions to her face, right arm and chest. The officer who was pushed down the stairs sustained a fracture to his right hand.

The officers did not return to duty.

This latest attack comes on the heels of six officers who were injured at the facility when they attempted to break up several inmates that had started to fight in the recreation yard. Officers had to administrator OC Spray several times to two inmates when they refused orders to stop fighting. All officers sustained minor injuries and remained on duty.

Once all inmates were removed from the yard, a search yielded three make-shift weapons.

"This attack is a pointed reminder of the dangerous environment our members face inside our prisons on a daily basis. Three officers injured, two with fractures, after an unprovoked attack. Five days earlier, a large fight in the recreation yard caused six officers to sustain minor injuries. That incident could easily have escalated to the point that the officers would have been in grave danger. Day in and day out our officers work tirelessly to ensure the safety of all those inside the facilities as well as outside. They need the support and protection from the administration they deserve. 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 Mike Mazzella, Mid-Hudson Region VP of NYSCOPBA.