



## ***Officer Injured During Inmate Attack at Elmira Correctional Facility***

### ***Four Females Arrested For Contraband During Inmate Visits***

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**Elmira, NY** – An inmate at Elmira Correctional Facility attacked an officer in the bathroom, striking him several times in the face and body at the maximum security prison.

The incident occurred on Friday, July 13 at approximately 3:30 p.m. The officer had given the inmate several orders to clean the bathroom in the mess hall, which he refused. Outside of the bathroom, the inmate struck the officer in the face and body with closed fists. The inmate proceeded to push the officer into the bathroom where he continued the attack.

The officer was able to defend himself and fight back. He pushed the inmate away from him to stop the attack. The inmate held onto the officer and bit him in the chest. He attempted to punch the officer again and missed. The inmate broke free and ran into the kitchen where another officer detained him without further incident.

The inmate, 38 years old, who is serving a seven year sentence after being convicted in Erie County in 2015 for Menacing a Police Officer, was placed in an observation cell.

The officer was treated at the facility by medical staff and transferred to a local hospital. He sustained a fractured right finger, abrasions to his forehead and knees, bite mark on his upper chest and swelling to the back of his head. He was treated and released and did not return to duty.

The following day at the facility, three females, who were visiting inmates at a family day event, were arrested for attempting to smuggle drugs to the inmates they were visiting. A K-9 alerted to the three women. During questioning, all three women admitted to having illegal drugs on them and turned them over to investigators. Marijuana, Heroin, Cocaine, and strips of Suboxone were seized by investigators. The women were charged with Promoting Prison Contraband and felony and misdemeanor drug possession.

Three days prior, on July 11, an alert officer noticed an inmate with a bag of M & M's, which are not allowed in the facility. The bag of M & M's were brought in by a female visitor. During the investigation the officer found Synthetic Marijuana (K2) in the bag. The female was subsequently arrested for Promoting Prison Contraband and Drug Possession.

“Contraband and staff attacks continue to be one of the most troubling issues we deal with inside our correctional facilities. DOCCS has not done enough to reduce the amount of drugs brought in by inmate visits or stop the attacks on staff. There is no real deterrent for inmates not to attack staff with the reduction of disciplinary measures taken by the administration. First and foremost, the priority of the administration should be to protect staff but they fail to do that consistently. They are more worried about giving convicted killers voting rights and inmates tablets than protecting those who protect them.” – Joe Miano, NYSCOPBA Western Region Vice President.