



## ***Officers Assaulted, Injured at Sing Sing Correctional Facility***

### ***Officer Cut By Inmate During Assault***

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**Ossining, NY** –Correction Officers were injured at Sing Sing Correctional Facility when they were attacked by inmates during two separate incidents at the maximum security prison.

The first incident occurred on Wednesday, August 29, at approximately 8:20 p.m. An inmate was being escorted back into his cell when he became argumentative with an officer. He charged at the officer and a struggle ensued. During the struggle, the inmate in the next cell grabbed the officer's shirt and pulled him into the cell bars. The officer felt the back of his head being cut by an unknown instrument. He was able to break from free from the inmate's grasp and he fell to the floor, still struggling with the inmate who initially attacked him.

Two officers who responded to the attack were able to get the inmate off the officer and into mechanical restraints. The inmate was transferred to the facility clinic where he continued to threaten and struggle with staff. He was transferred to Downstate Correctional Facility after the incident.

The inmate, 26 years old, is currently serving a 20 year sentence after being convicted for Assault 1<sup>st</sup> and Criminal Possession of a Weapon 2<sup>nd</sup> in Schenectady County in 2011.

The inmate who pulled the officer into the cell bars was transferred to Green Haven Correctional Facility. He is 25 years old and currently serving 10 years after being convicted for Manslaughter 1<sup>st</sup> in Kings County in 2015.

The injured officer was transported to Westchester Medical Center where he was admitted overnight. He was treated for a laceration to the back of his head and bruising to his lower back. He has not returned to duty.

The two officers who assisted sustained minor injuries and remained on duty.

Two makeshift cutting weapons were recovered in the area of the attack. The investigation is on-going.

The following day, at approximately 9:00 a.m., another inmate attacked an officer and attempted to cut him with a razor. The inmate, armed with a broom handle, approached an officer in the cell block. The officer was able to get the broom handle out of the inmate's hand. The inmate proceeded to punch the officer several times to the left side of his face. With the assistance of a second officer, the inmate was put into a body hold. The inmate spit out a razor into his hand and attempted to cut the officer in the face. The two officers were able to restrain the inmate and get him into mechanical restraints.

The razor was retrieved from the floor after the incident.

The two officers were treated at the facility clinic and treated for minor injuries. Both remained on duty.

The follow-up investigation after the incident recovered two makeshift cutting weapons from two inmates' cells. Both inmates face disciplinary charges.

"The seriousness of both these assaults cannot be understated. Simply put, these are vicious, brazen attacks by violent felons who show no regard for staff or for discipline. Regardless of the length of the inmates sentences, we strongly encourage the Westchester District Attorney's Office to prosecute both of these cases. We need stronger internal discipline measures; and inmates that choose to attack staff, must be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law. Short of that, our members will continue to be targets." – stated Clarence Fisher, NYSCOPBA Southern Region Vice President.