



Officers Assaulted, Injured at Green Haven Correctional Facility

One Officer Sustains Fractured Orbital Bone

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Stormville, NY – Two officers were injured at Green Haven Correctional Facility when an inmate, who is serving a 29 year to life sentence, attacked the officers at the maximum security prison.

The incident occurred at approximately 2:00 p.m. on Friday, October 26, 2018. The 47 year old inmate climbed up on a bed and started to pull on a light fixture while yelling that he was going to kill himself. An officer, who was outside of the room, entered when he thought the inmate was going to hurt himself. The inmate attacked the officer, striking him in the face and knocking him backwards. A second officer entered the room and attempted to use body holds to get control of the inmate. The inmate struck that officer in the right side of the face.

A third officer arrived on the scene and used OC Pepper Spray and body holds to subdue the inmate. Mechanical restraints were applied and the inmate became compliant.

Both injured officers were transported to a local hospital for treatment. One officer was treated for a fractured orbital bone, laceration above his right eye and swelling to his jaw. The second officer was treated for pain and swelling to his jaw. Both were later released from the hospital.

The inmate, who was convicted in Bronx County in 2013 for Manslaughter 1st, Attempted Assault 2nd, and Promoting Prison Contraband 1st, was placed in a special housing unit.

He faces internal disciplinary charges.

“The seriousness of this assault cannot be understated. Simply put, this was a vicious, brazen attack by a violent felon who the officers were trying to help. This same inmate attacked and stabbed two officers with a pen at Rikers Island in 2011 while he was awaiting trial in Bronx County. Regardless of the length of his sentence, we strongly encourage the Dutchess County District Attorney’s Office to prosecute this case and send a message to other inmates that this will not be tolerated. Short of that, our members will continue to be targets.” – stated Michael Mazzella, NYSCOPBA Mid-Hudson Vice President.