



## ***Two Inmates Sustain Facial Lacerations During Yard Fights***

### ***Inmates Throw Urine and Feces at Officers in Other Incidents at Great Meadow***

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**Comstock, NY** – Two inmates were taken to Albany Medical Center with facial lacerations that occurred in two separate fights at the maximum security prison last week.

Both incidents occurred on Saturday, November 10, 2018, in the outside recreation yard. The first fight occurred at approximately 2:50 p.m. Two inmates initially started to fight. A third inmate entered the altercation and it evolved into a two on one fight. Staff in the yard observed the fight and gave several orders to stop. Two inmates complied and got on the ground. The third inmate attempted to keep fighting. An officer grabbed the inmate in a body hold and forced him to the ground.

The three inmates were removed from the yard and taken to the infirmary for treatment. One had a six inch laceration to the right side of the face that was consistent with a cutting instrument. He was transported to the hospital for treatment.

During the investigation, officers located a ceramic razor with a makeshift handle fashioned to it. It was taken into evidence.

Two officers sustained minor injuries responding to the altercation. Both were treated and remained on duty.

The second incident occurred at approximately 3:10 p.m. An inmate approached an officer in the yard and had a laceration to the right side of his face and neck. The officer escorted the inmate to the infirmary. He was later transferred to Albany Medical Center for treatment of an eight inch laceration that was consistent with a cutting instrument.

The inmate would not provide officers with information on the altercation. No weapon was recovered.

The same day, five officers had urine and feces thrown on them in three separate incidents. Three inmates, who were locked in their respective cells, threw the urine and feces through the bars striking the officers in the upper body and face.

"The New York State Legislature made it a Class E Felony for any inmate convicted of throwing urine or feces on a corrections officer as a measure to protect staff from being targeted by inmates. Regardless of the length of the inmates' sentences, we strongly encourage the Washington County District Attorney's Office to prosecute these incidents that occurred last week and send a message to other inmates that this will not be tolerated. Short of that, our members will continue to be targets." – stated John Roberts, NYSCOPBA Northern Region Vice President.