



Two Officers Injured During Attack by Inmate

Inmate Was Being Returned to Ulster Correctional Facility For Parole Violation

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Naponach, NY – Two officers were injured at Ulster Correctional Facility when an inmate attacked them while he was being processed for violating parole.

The attack occurred on Friday, July 12, at approximately 4:14 p.m. The 39 year old inmate became disruptive in the hallway while being processed. A officer ordered the inmate to stop his behavior and directed him out of the hallway. The inmate suddenly lunged at the officer and bit down on his right hand, refusing to release the bite. The officer struck the inmate several times in an attempt to get him to release his bite but was unsuccessful. The inmate and officer began to struggle and both fell to the ground. A sergeant responded to the scene and applied OC Pepper Spray to the inmate. The inmate released his bite. Officers restrained the inmate and he began to struggle. During the struggle, an officer was struck in the face and knee. Mechanical restraints were applied to the inmate and he was removed from the scene.

The inmate was admitted to a Special Housing Unit and was interviewed by a sergeant. During the interview, the inmate suddenly stood up from his chair and lunged at the sergeant, spitting in his face. The sergeant applied OC Pepper Spray, which did not have the desired effect. Two officers placed the inmate in body holds and he became compliant.

The officer initially bit sustained cuts to his hand and required treatment at a local hospital. The second officer was treated at a local hospital for a knee injury. Both did not return to duty.

The inmate, who originally was serving a three year sentence after being convicted in New York County in 2015 for Attempted Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance 4th, was placed in a Special Housing Unit and faces internal disciplinary charges.

“This incident shows you that every inmate has the potential to be violent and attack staff, regardless of the circumstances surrounding their conviction. This inmate was originally convicted of a non-violent crime but still attacked two officers after he became disruptive. This is exactly why there needs to be stiffer disciplinary measures for inmates that attack staff and they must be held accountable by prosecutors for their actions. “ – stated Michael Mazzella, Mid-Hudson Region Vice President.