



Officer Assaulted, Injured at Sing Sing Correctional Facility

Drugs Seized From Mailed Package in Separate Incident

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Ossining, NY –Two correction officers were injured at Sing Sing Correctional Facility when an inmate attacked one officer in front of his cell and repeatedly punched him in the head and face at the maximum security prison.

The incident occurred on Wednesday, March 25, at approximately 1:31 p.m. The inmate was ordered back into his cell an officer. The inmate became argumentative with the officer. As he stepped into his cell, he turned around and punched the officer in the face knocking him backwards into fencing. The inmate punched him again causing the officer to fall forward to the ground. When staff arrived, they found the inmate on top of the officer repeatedly punching him in the head. Staff applied OC Pepper Spray to the inmate and used body holds to force him to the ground. The inmate continued to struggle until officers were able to get mechanical restraints on him.

The officer who was attacked was taken to a local hospital for treatment. He sustained sprains to his left ankle and right wrist and a nasal fracture. One of the officers who responded sustained pain and swelling to his wrist and fingers.

The inmate, 30 years old, is serving a 10-12 year sentence after being convicted of Attempted Murder 2nd and Criminal Possession of a Weapon 2nd in Kings County in 2011. He was placed in a Special Housing Unit following the attack.

In addition, on Friday, April 3, at 11: 45 a.m., an officer in the package room discovered Synthetic Marijuana, Ecstasy and Suboxone in a mailed package to an inmate. While processing a package of Nestle hot chocolate mix, the officer noticed an aroma that smelled like marijuana. Upon opening the package, the officer discovered a green leafy substance that test positive for

Synthetic Marijuana. Also concealed in the package were 60 strips of Suboxone wrapped in cellophane and 10 pills that tested positive for Ecstasy.

The drugs, which were mailed from an address in Brooklyn, were seized as evidence.

“Even in the current crisis we are enduring across the state, inmates continue to attack staff and try to smuggle drugs into prisons. Our members are on the front line risking their health and safety during this pandemic and are still attacked and injured by violent inmates. The administration must do everything in their power to stop these attacks from occurring while staff continue to do their part to protect all New Yorkers. ” – stated David Luther, NYSCOPBA Southern Region Vice President.