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Inmate Injures Two Officers at Five Points Correctional Facility

Inmate Attempting Suicide Attacks Officers

Romulus, NY – Two officers sustained injuries when they entered an inmate’s cell who they thought was attempting suicide and he viciously attacked them at the maximum security prison.

The incident occurred on Tuesday, April 7. The two officers witnessed the inmate attempt to hang from a self-made noose inside his cell. The officers entered the cell to stop him and he attacked them. He punched one officer in the head and face multiple times and elbowed the second officer in the side of the head multiple times.

After a brief struggle with the inmate, the officers were able to get him under control and into mechanical restraints.

The inmate was removed from the cell and brought to the infirmary. In one of the infirmary rooms, the inmate spit blood in a nurse’s face.

The inmate, 43, was placed in a Special Housing Unit following the incident. He is serving a 14 to 16 year sentence after being convicted in Erie County for Robbery 1st and Attempted Promoting Prison Contraband 1st.

He faces internal disciplinary charges and criminal charges.

The officer who was punched in the head and face was transported to an outside hospital for treatment. He was treated and released. The second officer was treated by medical staff at the facility and remained on duty. The nurse was treated for blood exposure.

“ The two officers entered the inmate’s cell to stop him from hanging himself. When they did, he viciously attacked them, injuring both. He easily could have staged the suicide attempt to get the officers into the cell so he could attack them. If that is the case, I strongly urge the Seneca County District Attorney’s Officer to pursue criminal charges on this inmate, who has an extensive disciplinary record in prison and who is eligible for parole next year.” – said Mark Deburgomaster , Western Region Vice President.