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Officer Injured at Five Points Correctional Facility

Sustains Possible Concussion Breaking Up Inmate Fight

Romulus, NY – One officer was taken to a local hospital for treatment of a possible concussion after three inmates were involved in a fight at the maximum security prison.

On Friday, July 31 at approximately 8:20 p.m., an officer, who was monitoring inmates on a cell block, witnessed two inmates exchange punches. The officer gave both inmates multiple orders to stop fighting but they refused to stop. The officer administered one application of OC spray to one of the inmates but it had no effect. He then administered a second application of spray to the second inmate but it had no effect as well.

As the two inmates continued to fight, a third inmate joined in and it became a two on one fight. Additional staff arrived on the scene. One inmate was grabbed by an officer in a body hold and pushed up against the wall. A second inmate was grabbed by an officer in a body hold and was pulled away from the fight. As the officer was pulling the inmate away, the last inmate attempted to continue the assault. During the attack he struck the officer in the forehead with an elbow and fist. He was grabbed by another staff member and forced to the ground.

Once separated from each other, the three inmates became compliant. They were placed in mechanical restraints.

The inmates were removed from the cell block and placed in a Special Housing Unit. They face internal disciplinary measures.

The officer who was struck in the forehead was taken to a local hospital and treated for a possible concussion. He did not return to duty.

"Two weeks ago, three officers were injured after a vicious attack by a single inmate. Now another officer is injured attempting to stop three inmates from fighting. These situations can escalate quickly and become very dangerous for staff as more inmates get involved. Last weekend in Georgia an inmate riot left two correction officers with stab wounds. Facilities can reach boiling points quickly and that can be extremely unsafe for our members." – said Mark Deburgomaster, Western Region Vice President.