



Multiple Officers Injured in Inmate Attacks at Marcy Correctional Facility

One Inmate Fakes Suicide Attempt to Assault Officers

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Marcy, NY – An inmate faked a suicide attempt to lure officers into his cell and then attacked them injuring six officers who had responded to the incident at the medium security facility.

The attack, which was one of two that occurred on Sunday, August 30, occurred at approximately 8:45 a.m. An officer was escorting a nurse on rounds when they noticed an inmate in his cell with a sheet tied around his neck, a pillow case over his head, and the sheet tied to a ceiling light. The officer called for additional staff. The cell door was opened and officers entered the cell. The inmate proceeded to take the pillow case off his head and the sheet from around his neck and charged at officers. He punched two officers in the neck and head. The officers were able to get him in a body hold and bring him to the ground where he proceeded to kick a third officer in the head. He continued to struggle with officers. Additional staff entered the cell, and eventually were able to get control of his arms and legs. He was placed in restraints and removed from the cell.

The inmate, 19, is serving a two to seven year sentence after being convicted for Robbery 3rd in Bronx County in 2019.

Six officers were injured in the incident. Two were taken to a local hospital with knee, lower back and neck pain. The other four officers were treated by medical staff at the facility for abrasions and remained on duty.

At approximately 10:23 p.m., two officers entered a housing dorm to pick up paperwork. One officer observed an inmate sitting in a chair with his feet up on the wall. He was instructed to remove his feet. The inmate became argumentative and combative with the officer. One of the officers attempted to calm the inmate down and instructed him to follow him into the foyer of the building. Once in the foyer, the inmate attacked and punched one of the officers repeatedly in the head and face. The inmate was grabbed in body holds and forced to the floor. He continued to struggle. A third officer entered the foyer and administered OC spray to the inmate. A second inmate ran in from the dorm and repeatedly punched that officer in the face several times. Both inmates ran from the foyer and were pursued by staff. Both were caught and placed in restraints and removed from the dorm.

Both inmates were placed in a Special Housing Unit pending disciplinary proceedings.

Both officers who were assaulted were transported to a local hospital. One officer was treated for multiple lacerations above his right eye, upper lip and chin. The second officer was treated for bruising and swelling to his face. They did not return to duty.

“In the course of one day there were two separate violent attacks on officers that left eight with injuries and four who needed hospital treatment. In addition, an officer making routine rounds had urine thrown into his face by an inmate from his cell and officers in the package room recovered synthetic marijuana hidden in cigars. This all occurred in one single facility over three days, but this level of violence is present in every prison. Our members are put at risk every day they go to work and the administration sits back without making any changes to protect them. They deserve much better!” – stated Bryan Hluska, NYSCOPBA Central Region Vice President.