



## ***Two Officers Injured at Mid-State Correctional Facility***

### ***OC Spray Fails to Stop Attack***

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**Marcy, NY** – Two officers sustained injuries on Monday afternoon when an inmate attacked an officer who was conducting a pat frisk at the medium security facility.

The incident occurred at 2:50 p.m. An officer was monitoring inmates who were returning to the housing unit. One inmate was asked for his identification. He refused to give it to the officer. He was directed to put his hands on the wall so he could be frisked. When the officer went to frisk the inmate, he spun off the wall and punched the officer in the jaw. The inmate grabbed the officer by the neck and punched him repeatedly in the right side of the neck. The officer was able to push away from the inmate and administered OC spray which had no effect.

A second officer responded and administered two more rounds of OC spray, which was not effective. The officer grabbed the inmate in a body hold and forced him to the wall. He was able to get his arms behind his back and apply handcuffs. The inmate became compliant.

The inmate, 25, was placed in a Special Housing Unit pending disciplinary proceedings. He is serving a one to three year sentence after being convicted in Onondaga County for Criminal Possession of Stolen Property 4<sup>th</sup>.

The officer who was attacked sustained abrasions and pain to his neck, jaw and hands. The officer who subdued the inmate sustained lower back pain. Both remained on duty.

“A day before, across the street at Marcy, eight officers were injured in two separate attacks. A day later, an inmate violently attacked an officer who simply asked for his facility identification. I strongly encourage the Oneida County District Attorney’s Office to prosecute any inmate who attacks an officer regardless of the length of their sentence.” – stated Bryan Hluska, NYSCOPBA Central Region Vice President.

