



Two Officers Attacked at Wende Correctional Facility

Make-Shift Weapon Recovered From Inmate's Cell

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Alden, NY – Two officers were attacked by an inmate at the maximum security correctional facility last week during a routine pat frisk for contraband.

On Monday, September 14, at approximately 5:00 p.m., an officer was conducting a frisk of a 20 year old inmate. The inmate suddenly spun around and struck the officer several times in the head and face. The officer, with the assistance of a second officer, grabbed the inmate in a body hold. OC spray was administered twice but had no effect. The inmate broke away from the two officers and ran towards the cell block entry gate where he was confronted by another officer. He struck the officer in the head and face as he ran through the gate into the cell block corridor. Two more applications of OC spray was administered by staff with no effect. Additional staff grabbed him and took him to the floor where they were able to get him under control and into handcuffs.

The inmate, who is serving a 20 year sentence after being convicted for Attempted Murder 2nd in Monroe County in 2017, was removed from the cell block.

A search of the inmate's cell recovered a six inch plastic shank that was sharpened on one end.

The inmate faces disciplinary measures.

The two officers assaulted were treated by facility medical staff for bruising and abrasions. They remained on duty. One of the responding staff sustained minor injuries attempting to subdue the inmate. He remained on duty as well.

“ Just last month, we had an officer stabbed with a make-shift weapon while conducting a pat frisk. Thankfully in this latest attack, the inmate did not have the plastic shank on him during the assault or we could have had a similar result. This attack again was committed by an inmate serving a lengthy sentence. Without any significant discipline to be handed out to inmates who attack staff, this sadly will continue..” – said Mark Deburgomaster , Western Region Vice President.