



## ***Convicted Murderer Attempts Escape at Marcy Correctional Facility***

### ***Officer Thwarts Inmate Scaling Fence***

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**Marcy, NY** – A convicted murderer, serving a 25 years to life prison sentence, attempted to scale a perimeter fence at the medium security correctional facility before an officer acted quickly and stopped him.

The incident occurred on Thursday, October 1, at approximately 4:35 p.m. The inmate was walking down a sidewalk near the infirmary when an officer questioned him. The inmate didn't answer the officer and immediately ran towards the perimeter fence. He began to scale the fence and got as high as the top razor wire. The officer ran to the fence and administered three applications of OC spray to the inmate. The spray had its desired effect and the inmate fell to the ground. He was placed in handcuffs and removed from the area without further incident.

The inmate, 52, was convicted in Rensselaer County in 1988 on Murder 2<sup>nd</sup> and Arson 1<sup>st</sup> charges. He was convicted after being arrested for setting fire to a residence that killed two teenage girls, ages 13 and 14.

His conviction was overturned in 2018 and he was retried and convicted again in Rensselaer County.

After the escape attempt, he was transferred to Five Points Correctional Facility and placed in a Special Housing Unit. Criminal charges are pending.

"The officer did an excellent job stopping the inmate from escaping the facility. The inmate was able to scale the fence to the top of the razor wire when the officer's alert and quick actions stopped him. He was quickly subdued and handcuffed without any staff being injured. There is no telling, based on his violent history, what he could have been capable of if he was successful getting over that fence!" – stated Bryan Hluska, NYSCOPBA Central Region Vice President.