



## ***Inmate Assaults, Attempts to Choke Officer at Green Haven Correctional Facility***

### ***Convicted Murderer Refuses Officer's Orders Before Attack***

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**Stormville, NY** – An inmate serving a 25 years to life sentence punched an officer and attempted to choke him after refusing orders to get into his cell at the maximum security correctional facility.

On Sunday, November 8, at approximately 7:30 p.m., the inmate was ordered to get back inside his cell. The inmate refused and approached the officer in a threatening manner. The officer grabbed the inmate in a body hold and attempted to put him up against the wall. The inmate elbowed the officer in the side of the face. The officer administered OC spray to the inmate which had no effect. The inmate punched the officer in the side of the face and attempted to grab him in a choke hold. A second officer administered OC spray, again without any effect. The officers were able to force the inmate to the floor and get him into handcuffs. He then became compliant.

The inmate, 50, was removed from the cell block and placed in a Special Housing Unit. He is serving a 25 years to life sentence after being convicted for Murder 2<sup>nd</sup>, Criminal Possession of a Weapon 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> in Richmond County in 2007.

The officer was treated by medical staff for swelling on both sides of his face, and pain to his right shoulder and wrist. He remained on duty.

“This attack is why we need strict disciplinary measures that will deter these type of assaults from occurring. This inmate is serving a life sentence and without any significant discipline there is nothing to stop him or any other inmate from attacking staff” – stated Chris Moreau, NYSCOPBA Mid-Hudson Region Vice President.