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Officers Injured at Lakeview Correctional Facility

Inmate Attacks Officer Outside Mess-Hall

Brocton, NY – An inmate serving a four year sentence for drug sales attacked and punched an officer in the face when the officer was counseling him on mess hall procedures.

On Tuesday, November 10, at approximately 7:45 a.m., the officer was escorting inmates out of the mess hall. One inmate was being disruptive in the line. The officer counseled the inmate on procedures when the he suddenly punched the officer in the jaw and mouth. The officer grabbed the inmate in a body hold and took him to the ground. On the ground, the inmate continued to struggle as the officer attempted to get handcuffs on. Another officer arrived to assist. The two officers were able to get handcuffs on the inmate after a brief struggle on the ground.

The inmate was removed from the area and placed in a Special Housing Unit.

The inmate, 29, is serving a four year sentence after being convicted in Orange County in 2019 for Criminal Sale of a Controlled Substance 3rd. He faces internal disciplinary charges in the assault.

The officer who was assaulted sustained pain and swelling to his jaw and mouth. He was taken to an outside hospital for treatment. The officer who responded to the assault sustained pain and soreness to his left elbow and bicep. He remained on duty.

“As inmate advocates continue to call for the reduction of discipline and the use of Special Housing Units, here is another example of an inmate convicted of a “non-violent” crime who brazenly attacked and injured an officer. This is the reason there still needs to be significant disciplinary measures for inmates that attack staff.” - stated Mark Deburgomaster, NYSCOPBA Western Region Vice President.