



Inmate Attacks Staff at Green Haven Correctional Facility

Throws Bleach on Officers and Assaults Another

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Stormville , NY – An inmate serving a 25 year sentence for attempted murder threw bleach on several officers and attacked another officer while being escorted to a Special Housing Unit at the maximum security correctional facility.

The incident occurred on Friday, December 25, 2020. An officer was conducting an inmate count on a cell block when he was doused with bleach in the back of the head and neck. Additional staff arrived at the inmate's cell and he was ordered out of his cell. He refused and threw bleach from a Styrofoam cup on another officer. He refused additional orders to exit his cell and continued to throw bleach at staff through the cell bars. OC spray was administered to the inmate and he initially became compliant. Officers applied handcuffs to the inmate and he was removed from the cell.

During the escort to a Special Housing Unit the inmate began to kick and spit at staff. Still combative, the inmate punched an officer in the neck when he attempted to frisk him. He continued to fight with staff for several more minutes until they applied body holds and placed him in his cell without further incident.

The inmate, 27, is serving a 25 year sentence after being convicted in Monroe County for Attempted Murder 2nd, Assault 1st, Criminal Use of a Firearm 1st and Criminal Possession of a Weapon 2nd.

No staff were injured in the incident.

“With the inmate population at its lowest point in decades, why does prison violence continue to rise? Simply put, it is the result of a lack of accountability and New York State failing to protect its employees. In the name of “progress”, the Legislature and the Governor continue to enact laws and shove policies down the throat of this Department with reckless abandon. The State has taken the cuffs off of convicted rapists and murders, and placed them on the hardworking members of NYSCOPBA. Inmates are assaulting staff with impunity and the level of violence in our facilities speaks for itself. Clearly the progressive approach isn’t working to reduce violence in our prisons.” – stated Chris Moreau , NYSCOPBA Mid-Hudson Region Vice President.