



Officer Injured at Mohawk Correctional Facility

Sustains Multiple Injuries in Attack

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Rome, NY – An officer sustained multiple injuries when an inmate suddenly attacked him during a body frisk at the medium security correctional facility.

The attack occurred on Tuesday, January 12, at approximately 7:20 p.m. The officer was conducting a frisk of the inmate when the inmate suddenly struck the officer violently in the chin. The officer grabbed the inmate in a body hold and forced him to ground. Two officers, who were present during the attack, assisted in getting the struggling and combative inmate subdued and into handcuffs.

The inmate, 28, is serving a three to eight year sentence for Criminal Possession of Stolen Property 3rd and Bail Jumping 2nd after being convicted in Queens County in 2018.

He was placed in a Special Housing Unit following the attack pending disciplinary measures.

The officer sustained a chip and cracked tooth, deep bruising and fluid under the patella tendons. He did not return to duty after outside medical treatment.

The two officers who assisted in the incident sustained bruising and abrasions to hands, forearms and lower back pain.

In addition, the following day an alert officer observed an inmate packing a latex glove with an unknown object. The officer approached the inmate and ordered him to turn over the contraband. The inmate complied and the officer discovered 15 orange strips that were identified as Suboxone. The inmate was placed in a Special Housing Unit pending disciplinary measures.

“The start of a new year continues the same old trend, assaults on staff and contraband seized from inmates. Despite record levels of assaults on staff, drugs seized and continued calls from NYSCOPBA for DOCCS to take proactive steps, the administration continues to turn a deaf ear.”
– stated Bryan Hluska, NYSCOPBA Central Region Vice President.