



Another Assault at Green Haven Correctional Facility

Convicted Murderer Attacks

Officer in Recreation Yard

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Stormville , NY – An officer was attacked while escorting inmates back to the cell block from the recreation yard at Green Haven prison this week. He was assaulted by an inmate who is serving a 25 years to life sentence for murder.

The attacked occurred on Wednesday, March 3, at approximately 3:00 p.m. Two officers were monitoring inmates as they made their way back to the cell block from the recreation yard. They observed an inmate who was on the wrong side of the cell block. One of the officers approached the inmate to address the situation. When approached, the inmate struck the officer on the left side of the head. He then attempted to pull the officer's jacket over his head and continued striking the officer. A response was called and additional staff arrived to assist. Two responding officers grabbed the inmate in a body hold and forced him to the wall. The inmate continued to struggle. The officer who was assaulted, came to assist and the three officers were able to get handcuffs on the inmate.

In restraints, the inmate became complaint. He was removed from the yard and placed in a Special Housing Unit pending disciplinary charges. The inmate, 30, was convicted in Monroe County in 2017 on charges of Murder 2nd and Criminal Possession of a Weapon 2nd.

The officer who was assaulted was treated by facility medical staff for pain and tightness in his neck and remained on duty. One officer who responded to the assault sustained pain and swelling in his left knee and hip. He was transported to an outside hospital for treatment.

This most recent assault continues a significant trend of violent assaults on staff in the past two weeks.

“How much more can our officers endure? The violence at Green Haven has gotten so bad that many are considering leaving the department. Can you blame them? How eager would you be to kiss your family goodbye and head off to a job that’s likely to land you in the emergency room? How motivated would you be to put your body and life on the line for an employer that treats you as nothing more than an number in the budget line?” – said, Chris Moreau, NYSCOPBA Mid-Hudson Region Vice President.