



Officer Attacked at Eastern Correctional Facility

Sustains Deep Laceration, Stiches to Forehead

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Napanoch , NY – An officer was viciously attacked by an inmate at the maximum security prison on February 28. The attacked occurred when the inmate became agitated having to wait to use a tablet kiosk.

At approximately 10:00 p.m., the officer, who was assigned to a housing unit, was monitoring the inmate kiosks. The officer directed the inmate to wait to use the kiosk while he locked another inmate in his cell. The inmate became agitated because he had to wait, and brutally struck the officer in the side of the head. The inmate wrapped his arms around the officer and tried to wrestle him to the ground. The officer was able to activate his personal alarm and continued to struggle with the inmate. During the struggle, the officer struck his head against a metal end door on the housing unit. The injured officer was able to separate himself from the inmate as a second officer arrived at the scene. The second officer ordered the inmate to place his hands behind his back. The inmate complied, and handcuffs were applied. The inmate was removed from the housing unit.

The inmate, 45, is serving a 25 year sentence after being convicted in Kings County for Burglary 1st. He was placed in a Special Housing Unit pending disciplinary charges.

The injured officer was treated by medical staff at the prison and transported to a local hospital for further treatment. He sustained a deep laceration to his forehead that needed a total of 14

stiches to close. He also sustained bruising and swelling to his right eye, upper lip, and ribs. He did not return to duty.

““With a disciplinary system that’s been totally dismantled by the State Legislature, all eyes are on District Attorney Offices to protect our members. County district attorney’s should be throwing the book at any inmate that assaults an officer, not only for the sake of justice, but to send a clear message to all those who believe this type behavior will be tolerated. I strongly encourage the Ulster County DA to charge and prosecute this inmate for felony assault in this vicious attack” – said, Chris Moreau, NYSCOPBA Mid-Hudson Region Vice President.