



## ***Officer Seriously Injured by Inmate at Clinton Correctional Facility***

### ***Officer Knocked Unconscious, Sustains Fractured Jaw***

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**Dannemora , NY** – An inmate, serving a 16 year sentence for manslaughter, attacked an officer in the recreation yard, knocking him unconscious and breaking his jaw in two places at the maximum security prison.

On Monday, April 12, shortly after 8:00 p.m., an officer witnessed another officer in the north yard drop to the ground after being attacked by an inmate. When staff arrived, the officer was on the ground unconscious. He was brought to the medical facilities at the prison and transported to a local hospital.

The officer sustained bruising and swelling around his eyes and two fractures to his jaw.

The inmate, who was witnessed walking away from the attack and attempting to blend in with other inmates, was identified by staff during the investigation.

He was placed in a Special Housing Unit pending disciplinary proceedings. He was convicted in Rensselaer County in 2013 for Manslaughter 1<sup>st</sup>, Criminal Possession of a Weapon 2<sup>nd</sup> and Attempting to Promote Prison Contraband 1<sup>st</sup>. He shot and killed another man in Troy, NY.

State police were notified of the attack.

“During the inmate’s sentencing in Rensselaer County Court in 2013 the mother of the victim who was shot and killed, implored him to take his time in prison and turn his life around and become something valuable to society. Obviously what she said that day had no meaning to him. This attack on the officer Monday was an unprovoked, vicious attack that will have no real consequences with a disciplinary system already weakened. Unfortunately that will continue with the recent HALT legislation. Every legislator who supported that bill needs to recognize all they have done is create a more dangerous atmosphere for officers.” – stated John Roberts, NYSCOPBA Northern Region Vice President.