



Inmate Attacks and Injures Officer at Eastern Correctional Facility

Two Officers Sustain Injuries in Incident

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Naponach , NY – Two officers sustained injuries after an inmate ignored several orders given by one of the officers and then attacked him at the maximum security prison.

The assault occurred on Wednesday, April 1, at approximately 1:10 p.m. An officer was monitoring inmates as they made their way to the recreation yard. One inmate was given orders to remove his ball cap. He refused. He was given several more orders to remove the cap and he refused and became verbally combative. The officer ordered the inmate to return to his cell. The inmate refused and approached the officer in a threatening manner. The officer stepped towards the inmate and was struck by a closed fist to his lower jaw. The officer attempted to get the inmate in a body hold. A second officer, who heard the commotion, came to the officer's aid and administered OC spray to the inmate. The OC spray had no effect. The first officer was able to get the inmate in a body hold and force him to the ground. On the ground, the inmate continued to struggle with the officer. The second officer was able to get handcuffs on the inmate and he became compliant.

The inmate, 23, was removed from the area and faces disciplinary charges. He is serving a six year sentence after being convicted for Attempted Criminal Possession of a Weapon 2nd in New York County in 2015. He was originally arrested and charged with Attempted Murder 2nd when he was 16 years old.

The officer who was assaulted sustained pain and swelling to his lower jaw and right wrist. He was taken to an outside hospital for treatment.

The officer who assisted in subduing the inmate sustained pain to his left wrist. He was treated by facility staff and remained on duty.

“With HALT legislation now a reality for staff at state prisons, there will be a huge bullseye on the backs of officers. Assaults, which were already on the rise, will undoubtedly continue to increase with little or no discipline for inmates who target and attack staff. Those elected officials who pushed through this ill-conceived law need to be held accountable the next time they run for office!” – stated Chris Moreau , NYSCOPBA Mid-Hudson Region Vice President.