



Officers Assaulted at Green Haven Correctional Facility

One Officer Sustains Shattered Knee in Incident

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Stormville, NY – Five officers were injured, including one who sustained multiple fractures to his knee, after being attacked by an inmate at the maximum security prison.

On Wednesday, April 14, at approximately 7:35 a.m., the inmate was ordered into his cell after returning to the cell block. The inmate repeatedly refused the order and aggressively attempted to pass a sergeant and an officer in the cell block. The sergeant and officer attempted to block the inmate as he came at them in an aggressive manner. In response, the officer administered OC spray to the inmate which had no effect. The inmate began to throw punches at staff and struck a female officer in the chest. Two officers grabbed the inmate in an upper body hold and forced him to the ground. Still struggling with the two officers on the ground, additional staff assisted in getting handcuffs on the inmate. Once in restraints, the inmate became compliant.

He was removed from the cell block and placed in a Special Housing Unit pending disciplinary charges. He was later transferred to Sing Sing Correctional Facility.

The inmate, 44, is serving a two to five year sentence after violating parole. He was initially serving his sentence after being convicted in New York County in 2018 for Burglary 3rd.

One of the officers, who initially grabbed the inmate in a body hold, sustained multiple fractures to his knee while subduing the inmate. He was transported to an outside hospital for treatment.

Three officers and a sergeant were treated by facility medical staff for pain and swelling to knees, hands, neck, hip and back. All remained on duty after the incident.

Assaults on staff continue at a rapid pace at state prisons across the state. From 2016 to 2020 assaults on staff increased by 39 percent during a period when inmate population was reduced significantly.

“The officer came to the aid of a female supervisor being assaulted by an aggressive and violent inmate. As a result, the officer ended up with a shattered knee that will permanently diminish his mobility. Adding insult to injury, as a result of the new HALT legislation, the inmate responsible won’t serve more than 14 days in a secure housing unit. Let that sink in... the inmate will be back in the general population before the officer is able to walk again. This viscous assault is brought to you by: HALT, the New York State Legislature, and the Dutchess County District Attorney’s Office, who simply refuse to hold inmates accountable. “– said, Chris Moreau, NYSCOPBA Mid-Hudson Region Vice President.