



# New York State Correctional Officers & Police Benevolent Association, Inc.

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## *“Keeping New York Safe”*

### *Officer Injured at Marcy Correctional Facility*

#### *Drugs, Violence, and Weapons Continue to Plague Prison*

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**Marcy, NY** – One officer sustained a shoulder injury and needed treatment at an outside hospital after an inmate attacked him in the facility bathroom when the officer caught him smoking.

On Thursday, April 15, the officer was conducting routine security rounds when he observed an inmate smoking inside one of the bathroom stalls. The officer ordered the inmate to put the cigarette out but he refused. The inmate then swallowed an unknown object that he had in his right hand. The officer approached him as the inmate exited the bathroom stall. The inmate grabbed the officer's arm and bent it behind his back. A struggle ensued as the officer attempted to break free. The officer pushed the inmate to the wall and was able to free his arm. The inmate continued to struggle with the officer. The officer administered OC spray which was effective in stopping the attack. The inmate became compliant and was handcuffed by the officer and removed from the dorm.

The inmate, 57, is serving a two to five year sentence after violating parole on his conviction of two counts of Grand Larceny 4<sup>th</sup> in New York County in 2018.

He was placed in a Special Housing Unit pending disciplinary charges.

The officer sustained a left shoulder injury and was transported to an outside hospital for treatment. He did not return to duty.

Officers also recovered two make-shift weapons during two cube searches in the housing dorms of the prison. Officers recovered a sharpened icepick type weapon in an inmate's locker in his cube. A second weapon was recovered hidden in an inmate's clothes in his cube. The weapon was a ceramic scalpel with a pen fashioned as the handle.

Both inmates were placed in a Special Housing Unit Pending disciplinary charges.

Drugs were also seized by staff at the facility.

An officer conducting a frisk of an inmate discovered eight pieces of paper that were sprayed with synthetic marijuana. The drugs, which were dried on the paper, were inside the inmate's pants pocket.

The inmate was placed in a Special Housing Unit pending disciplinary charges.

Suboxone was discovered by an officer processing inmate mail. A package of fruit punch was mailed to an inmate from Fly Creek, NY. The officer opened the individual packages and found 15 strips of Suboxone wrapped in cellophane. The drugs were seized as evidence.

"Assaults on staff, drugs, and weapons are a constant struggle for staff. Violence and contraband numbers continue to rise at our prisons with little or no proactive steps taken by the administration to address them. In addition to these recent incidents at Marcy, an inmate had hot oil thrown on him by another inmate while he slept and sustained first and second degree burns. These problems are real, but the administration and our elected officials fail to recognize they exist. Until they open their eyes to what really occurs and take measures to address it, our members will continue to work in an unsafe environment." – stated Bryan Hluska, NYSCOPBA Central Region Vice President.