

## **BROOME COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

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Two Charged After Attacking Corrections Officers
at the Broome County Correctional Facility

(TOWN OF DICKINSON) Two incarcerated individuals are facing felony charges after attacking corrections officers at the Broome County Correctional Facility in separate incidents.

On Tuesday, February 18, 2025, Aaron J. Raymond, age 35 of the Town of Dickinson, NY, refused to remove clothing that was wrapped around his head and neck, causing a safety concern. After Raymond repeatedly ignored further verbal commands by corrections staff to remove the clothing wrapped around his face, head and neck, officers entered his cell and attempted to assist Raymond in removing the clothing. As the officers entered his cell, Raymond became combative, grabbing a Corrections Sergeant by the neck and collar and choking him. Raymond struck another corrections officer in the face before the altercation had ended.

Following the incident, Raymond was charged with Assault on a Peace Officer, Police Officer, Firefighter or EMS Professional, a Class C Felony, Assault in the  $2^{nd}$  Degree, a Class D Felony, and Strangulation in the  $2^{nd}$  Degree, a Class D Felony.

On Sunday, February 16, 2025, Michael J. Fiore, age 41 of Binghamton, NY, attacked corrections staff while undergoing the initial booking procedures after being arrested on felony contempt charges earlier in the day. During the intake process, Fiore refused several lawful orders to comply with the medical screening process before attacking corrections officers, kneeing one officer in the face and causing injury.

Following the altercation, Fiore was charged with Assault in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree, a Class D Felony and Obstruction of Governmental Administration in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree, a Class A Misdemeanor.

"Every single day, our Corrections Officers put on the uniform and put their lives on the line to protect and honorably serve their community, all while being held to the highest standard to treat those in their care with the utmost dignity and respect," said Sheriff Fred Akshar. "The job they do is unquestionably difficult but also unquestionably necessary and essential to ensuring a

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safe and secure community. Any behavior that endangers their health and safety will be dealt with swiftly and appropriately to protect the wellbeing of all those living and working within our Correctional Facility."

Sheriff Akshar publicly released body camera footage of the incidents, which can be viewed here: <a href="https://youtu.be/5PgIi7Mxgg8">https://youtu.be/5PgIi7Mxgg8</a>

The above incidents were in addition to two other attacks on corrections officers by incarcerated individuals this week, which are still under investigation.

"This short video clip is only a brief glimpse of some of the difficult and dangerous situations faced by our Corrections Officers every day, but it's important for the public to understand the volatile work environment in which they work and why they deserve our collective gratitude and respect," said Akshar. "While bureaucrats in Albany continue to support policies that make our Corrections Officers' jobs harder and more dangerous, the Broome County Sheriff's Office stands with them and good work they continue to do."

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