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The Holding Center division is made up of Deputy Sheriffs. We are sworn in by the Sheriff as Deputies but in the eyes of the New York State retirement system we had never been recognized as Law enforcement.

So I started a campaign in May of this year to change that. After months of emails and phone calls the Retirement system changed their stance and granted the Holding Center division Law enforcement status (see following letter dated September 28, 2015). They stated that our division was equally a part of "criminal law enforcement activities" Which include the investigation of the crime, the apprehension of the criminal, and the detention of the criminal.

Currently our Road Patrol, Detective and Civil division Deputies are enrolled in a 20 year retirement. It would only seem reasonable for our division to be included also based on the Retirement system definition.



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Mary Ellen Kutey, Director Member & Employer Services

Mr. Thomas Klein
Erie County
Edward A Rath Bldg
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September 28, 2015
Location Code 10014

Re: Determination of plan eligibility

Dear Mr. Klein;

This letter is in response to your request for a determination of the eligibility for those in the Deputy Sheriff - Jail Guard title, on the benefits of the Article 14-B retirement plan(s).

Special plans for Deputy Sheriffs contained in Retirement and Social Security Law (RSSL) Section 89 and 603, as well as Article 14-B, all contain the requirement that a Deputy Sheriff be engaged in criminal law enforcement activities aggregating a minimum of fifty percent of his or her service in order to qualify for credit.

RSSL further requires that the Sheriff certify to the Retirement System those Deputy Sheriffs engaged in criminal law enforcement activities. The term "criminal law enforcement activities" is not defined in the RSSL. However, the Retirement System has deemed that the term "criminal law enforcement activities" be consistently construed to mean the investigation of a crime, the apprehension of criminals or the detention of criminals. Therefore those holding titles of 'Deputy Sheriff - Jail Guard' or similar designations would qualify for coverage.

If you should have any further questions or concerns, you may contact this office.

Sincerely,

Mary Ellen Kutey
Director
Member & Employer Services Bureau

MEK: wb:pp
cc: Mark Poloncarz, County Executive



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The following is a rough mock up of the cost of putting a newly hired Deputy through the Academy.

New Deputy is hired at \$42,657 a year or \$20.51 an hour.

13 week academy and field training	\$10,665
Line up pay	\$430
5 weeks of field training with a senior Deputy	\$530
Health insurance	\$11,083 (core plan)
Qualifying at gun range	\$440 (ammunition, average 1,100bullets)
Total	\$23,148

During the Academy there are several instructors:

Sgt. Cathcart and Sgt. Clay

Various Deputies that are brought in to teach certain classes.

Typically the shooting range instructors consist of at least 1 road patrol Sergeant, and also 3-4 Deputies, either road patrol or holding center.

While these Sergeants and Deputies are not working the line they are replaced by other sergeants and Deputies working overtime, at overtime rate.

These factors add a lot of expense to the hiring and training of a newly hired Deputy.



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Along with the Police Officer retirement comes a disability retirement option. This benefit would pay out 50%-75% of a Deputies current final average salary as compared to the current plan which only pays out 30%.

For Deputies injured as the result of an inmates actions, this higher amount is much more respectable. Most Deputies are their Families only source, or majority source of income. Most Families can not survive on the 30%. So as a result the injured Deputy is forced to stay on the books, costing the County thousands of dollars every year.

We currently have 4 Deputies with injuries which prevent them from returning to work. The following shows their income for 2016.

	salary	insurance cost
Deputy B.	\$58,213	\$18,416 (core plan)
Deputy C.	\$58,213	\$18,416
Deputy H.	\$59,394	\$18,416
Deputy H.	\$66,582	\$18,416
Total	\$242,402	+ \$73,664 = \$316,066

Obviously these 4 have to be replaced on the line with overtime being paid out at time+1/2. I used the middle hourly rate of \$26.28 an hour, for an overtime rate of \$39.42 an hour.

40 hours a week X 52 weeks a year X \$39.42	= \$81,994
Replace 3 Deputies (Deputy H. works a light duty post but has to still be replaced on the line)	X3 = \$245,982
	+
Add on the above Deputies County expense	\$316,066
Total County cost	\$562,048

By the County adopting the Police Officer retirement with the disability option in the first year alone the County could save \$562,048 in taxpayer dollars.



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We have also had several Deputies who were injured by inmates that have never fully recovered.

Deputy H.- date of the incident 3/16/10

Deputy was "head butted" by an inmate while on an elevator at City court. Deputy suffered a severe concussion and other medical issues. Deputy works a non line duty position, due to recurring dizzy spells.

Deputy H.- date of incident 6/29/06

Deputy has been involved in several incidents over the years. This incident required several shoulder surgeries, but Deputy has never Regained full use of his shoulder. Currently works a non line duty position.

The following Deputies have never been able to return to work, in any fashion due to their injuries.

Deputy B.- date of incident 2/17/13

Deputy was involved with a physically out of control inmate. When Deputy attempted to restrain inmate he suffered a shoulder injury. Multiple surgeries has not repaired the injury even to the point of the Deputy being able to return to a non line position. Even with physical therapy Deputy lives in constant pain.

Deputy H.- date of incident 9/12/13

Deputy was involved with an inmate and suffered a severe back injury. Several disc's were involved. Even with surgery and physical therapy Deputy lives everyday in constant pain. Doctors are planning another surgery to again repair the injury. Deputy has several small children and is not able to physically interact with them.



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A Police Officer retirement would provide a major incentive to remain working for the Holding center.

The following 10 pages is a listing of all the Deputies that have resigned over the last few years. As you will see in the last column is the reason for their resigning. We don't have record of where everyone went, but you can see the majority have left for a career with another Law enforcement agency or Fire department. These agencies offer better retirement plans and higher salaries.

ERIE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE PAST EMPLOYEE'S

2000

<u>NAME</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>REASON</u>
	Deputy Sheriff Officer	11/27/00	Resigned
	Deputy Sheriff Officer	04/08/00	Resigned
	Deputy Sheriff Officer 55b	05/13/00	Resigned
	Deputy Sheriff Officer	01/26/00	Resigned HAMBURG P.D.
	Deputy Sheriff Officer	10/17/00	Resigned

2001

NONE

2002

<u>NAME</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>REASON</u>
	Deputy Sheriff Officer	10/07/02	Resigned
	Holding Center Guard PT	01/14/02	Resigned D.O.C.
	Holding Center Guard PT	03/19/02	Resigned KENMORE P.D.
	Deputy sheriff Officer	07/31/02	***DECEASED*** Had we had Police retirement could have retired but ended up NOT leaving family a pension
	Holding Center Guard PT	03/18/02	Resigned COURTS

2003

<u>NAME</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>REASON</u>
	Deputy Sheriff Officer	07/16/03	Resigned
	Deputy Sheriff Officer Courts	07/17/03	Resigned
	Deputy Sheriff Officer	09/13/03	Resigned IMMIGRATION
	Deputy Sheriff Officer	11/14/03	Resigned

2004

<u>NAME</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>REASON</u>
	Deputy Sheriff Officer	03/03/04	Resigned
	Deputy Sheriff Officer	10/25/04	Resigned
	Deputy Sheriff Officer	07/28/04	Resigned CHEEK P.D.
	Holding Center Guard PT	01/12/04	Resigned
	Deputy Sheriff Officer	01/16/04	Resigned
	Deputy Sheriff Officer	12/08/04	Resigned

2005

<u>NAME</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>REASON</u>
	Deputy Sheriff Officer	03/20/05	Resigned PITTSBURGH P.D.
	Deputy Sheriff Officer	10/11/05	Resigned
	Deputy Sheriff Officer	02/25/05	Resigned
	Deputy Sheriff Officer	04/15/05	Resigned ROAD PATROL

2006

<u>NAME</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>REASON</u>
	Holding Center Guard PT	08/01/06	Resigned
	Deputy Sheriff Officer	08/19/06	Resigned HAMBURG P.D.
	Deputy Sheriff Officer	12/08/06	Resigned NIAGARA CO.
	Holding Center Guard PT	07/17/06	Resigned NFTA P.D.
	Deputy Sheriff Officer Spanish	3/16/2006	Resigned
	Deputy Sheriff Officer	08/24/06	Resigned ECMC P.D.

2007

<u>NAME</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>REASON</u>
	Deputy Sheriff Officer	03/08/07	State
	Deputy Sheriff Officer	03/08/07	State
	Deputy Sheriff Officer	03/08/07	State
	Deputy Sheriff Officer Spanish	03/08/07	State
	Deputy Sheriff Officer	03/08/07	State
	Deputy Sheriff Officer	03/08/07	State
	Deputy Sheriff Officer	03/08/07	State
	Deputy Sheriff Officer	03/08/07	State
	Deputy Sheriff Officer	03/08/07	State
	Deputy Sheriff Officer	03/08/07	State
	Deputy Sheriff Officer	07/30/07	Resigned ROAD PATROL
	Deputy Sheriff Officer	03/08/07	State
	Deputy Sheriff Officer	11/19/07	Resigned BUFFALO P.D.
	Sergeant Officer	03/08/07	State
	Deputy Sheriff Officer	03/08/07	State
	Deputy Sheriff Officer	03/08/07	State
	Deputy Sheriff Officer	03/08/07	State
	Deputy Sheriff Officer	03/08/07	State
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	Deputy Sheriff Officer	03/08/07	State
	Deputy Sheriff Officer	03/08/07	State
	Deputy Sheriff Officer	03/08/07	State
	Holding Center Guard PT	12/01/07	Resigned
	Deputy Sheriff Officer	03/08/07	State
	Deputy Sheriff Officer	03/08/07	State
	Deputy Sheriff Officer	03/08/07	State
	Deputy Sheriff Officer	03/08/07	State
	Deputy Sheriff Officer	03/08/07	State
	Deputy Sheriff Officer	03/08/07	State
	Deputy Sheriff Officer	03/08/07	State
	Deputy Sheriff Officer	11/17/07	Resigned BUFFALO P.D.
	Deputy Sheriff Officer	07/30/07	State
	Deputy Sheriff Officer	03/08/07	Resigned ROAD PATROL
	Deputy Sheriff Officer	03/08/07	State
	Deputy Sheriff Officer	11/18/07	Resigned BUFFALO P.D.
	Deputy Sheriff Officer	03/08/07	State
	Deputy Sheriff Officer	03/08/07	State
	Deputy Sheriff Officer	03/08/07	State

2007 CONT'

<u>NAME</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>REASON</u>
	Deputy Sheriff Officer	03/08/07	State
	Deputy Sheriff Officer	03/08/07	State
	Deputy Sheriff Officer	03/08/07	State
	Deputy Sheriff Officer	03/08/07	State
	Deputy Sheriff Officer	03/08/07	State
	Deputy Sheriff Officer	03/08/07	State
	Deputy Sheriff Officer	03/08/07	State
	Holding Center Guard PT	05/05/07	Resigned
	Deputy Sheriff Officer	03/08/07	State
	Deputy Sheriff Officer	03/08/07	State
	Deputy Sheriff Officer	03/08/07	State
	Deputy Sheriff Officer	03/08/07	State
	Deputy Sheriff Officer	03/08/07	State
	Holding Center Guard PT	04/14/07	Resigned D.O.C.
	Deputy Sheriff Officer	03/08/07	State
	Deputy Sheriff Officer	03/08/07	State
	Deputy Sheriff Officer	03/08/07	State
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	Deputy Sheriff Officer	03/08/07	State
	Deputy Sheriff Officer	03/08/07	State

2008

<u>NAME</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>REASON</u>
	Deputy Sheriff Officer	04/17/08	Resigned
	Deputy Sheriff Officer	01/21/08	Resigned ROAD PATROL
	Deputy Sheriff Officer	01/21/08	Resigned ROAD PATROL
	Deputy Sheriff Officer	01/18/08	Resigned
	Deputy Sheriff Officer	01/16/08	Resigned
	Deputy Sheriff Officer	01/19/08	Resigned BUFFALO P.D.
	Deputy Sheriff Officer	01/19/08	Resigned BUFFALO P.D.
	Deputy Sheriff Officer	12/29/08	Resigned ROAD PATROL
	Deputy Sheriff Officer	01/18/08	Resigned
	Deputy Sheriff Officer	05/07/08	Resigned
	Deputy Sheriff Officer	12/29/08	Resigned ROAD PATROL
	Deputy Sheriff Officer	01/21/08	Resigned ROAD PATROL
	Deputy Sheriff Officer	03/30/08	Resigned PARKS
	Deputy Sheriff Officer	12/29/08	Resigned ROAD PATROL
	Deputy Sheriff Officer	01/26/08	Resigned
	Deputy Sheriff Officer	04/24/08	Resigned
	Deputy Sheriff Officer	03/15/08	Resigned
	Deputy Sheriff Officer	09/16/08	Resigned
	Deputy Sheriff Officer	07/30/08	Resigned CHEEKTOWAGA
	Deputy Sheriff Officer	01/22/08	Resigned ROAD PATROL

2009

<u>NAME</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>REASON</u>
	Holding Center Guard PT	04/29/09	Resigned
	Deputy Sheriff Officer	08/15/09	Resigned BUFFALO P.D.
	Holding Center Guard PT	05/11/09	Resigned D.O.C.
	Deputy Sheriff Officer	11/19/09	Resigned TEACHER
	Holding Center Guard PT	12/18/09	Resigned COURTS
	Deputy Sheriff Officer	03/14/09	****DECEASED***** Within a week of retiring. Police retirement he could have. Wife ended up with no pension !!!!!
	Deputy Sheriff Officer	11/21/09	Resigned ROAD PATROL

2010

<u>NAME</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>REASON</u>
	Deputy Sheriff Officer	07/01/10	Resigned D.O.C.
	Deputy Sheriff Officer	04/07/10	Resigned NYS TROOPERS
	Deputy Sheriff Officer	12/31/10	Retired DISABILITY
	Deputy Sheriff Officer	05/03/10	Resigned NFTA P.D.
	Deputy Sheriff Officer	07/31/10	Resigned HAMBURG PD
	Deputy Sheriff Officer	05/21/10	Resigned
	Deputy Sheriff Officer	04/08/10	Resigned ROAD PATROL
	Deputy Sheriff Officer	10/11/10	Resigned BUFFALO P.D.

2011

<u>NAME</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>REASON</u>
	Deputy Sheriff Officer	12/05/11	Resigned
	Deputy Sheriff Officer	08/03/11	Resigned WEST SEN P.D.
	Deputy Sheriff Officer	04/15/11	Resigned BUFFALO FIRE
	Holding Center Guard PT	12/02/11	Resigned TEACHER
	Deputy Sheriff Officer	04/15/11	Resigned BUFFALO FIRE
	Deputy Sheriff Officer 55a	11/18/11	Resigned
	Deputy Sheriff Officer	04/08/11	Resigned
	Deputy Sheriff Officer	05/02/11	Resigned
	Deputy Sheriff Officer	07/30/11	Resigned
	Holding Center Guard PT	11/18/11	Resigned IMMIGRATION

2012

<u>NAME</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>REASON</u>
	Deputy Sheriff Officer	10/29/12	ECMC P.D.
	Deputy Sheriff Officer	11/16/12	***Disability Retirement*** **forced to go at 30%** **Instead of Police 50%**
	Deputy Sheriff Officer	04/21/12	Resigned ROAD PATROL
	Deputy Sheriff Officer	09/29/12	Resigned
	Deputy Sheriff Officer	01/28/12	Resigned ROAD PATROL
	Deputy Sheriff Officer	09/14/12	Resigned MILITARY
	Deputy Sheriff Officer	11/06/12	Resigned
	Deputy Sheriff Officer	11/10/12	Resigned D.O.C.
	Deputy Sheriff Officer	12/22/12	Resigned ROAD PATROL
	Deputy Sheriff Officer	09/18/12	Resigned
	Deputy Sheriff Officer	07/05/12	Resigned MEDICAL SCHOOL
	Deputy Sheriff Officer	01/28/12	Resigned ROAD PATROL
	Deputy Sheriff Officer	09/13/12	Resigned WEST SEN P.D.
	Deputy Sheriff Officer	05/07/12	Resigned BUFFALO FIRE
	Court Officer	01/07/12	Resigned
	Holding Center Guard Part-1	05/05/12	Resigned BUFFALO P.D.
	Deputy Sheriff Officer	08/04/12	Resigned BUFFALO P.D.
	Deputy Sheriff Officer	09/08/12	Resigned ROAD PATROL

2013

<u>NAME</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>REASON</u>
	Sergeant Officer	12/27/13	Resigned FLORIDA P.D.
	Deputy Sheriff Officer	06/16/13	Retired / Disability **Forced to go at 30% ** **instead of Police 50%**
	Deputy Sheriff Officer	03/08/13	Resigned SCHOOL
	Deputy Sheriff Officer	01/04/13	Resigned
	Deputy Sheriff Officer	11/23/13	Resigned
	Deputy Sheriff Officer	08/02/13	Resigned FBI
	Deputy Sheriff Officer	02/14/13	Resigned D.O.C.
	Holding Center Guard Part-Time	12/20/13	Resigned BUFFALO P.D.
	Deputy Sheriff Officer	09/05/13	Resigned
	Holding Center Guard Part-Time	08/19/13	Resigned TEACHER
	Deputy Sheriff Officer	11/19/13	Resigned
	Deputy Sheriff Officer	01/16/13	Resigned FLORIDA P.D.
	Deputy Sheriff Officer	01/21/13	Resigned BUFFALO P.D.

2014

NAME

TITLE

DATE

REASON

	Deputy Sheriff Officer	3/8/2014	Resigned ROAD PATROL
	Deputy Sheriff Officer	05/21/14	Resigned
	Deputy Sheriff Officer	01/16/14	Resigned BUFFALO P.D.
	Deputy Sheriff Officer	11/24/14	Resigned
	Deputy Sheriff Officer	07/21/14	Resigned CHEEK P.D.
	Deputy Sheriff Officer	09/18/14	Resigned
	Deputy Sheriff Officer	07/25/14	Resigned NFTA P.D.
	Deputy Sheriff Officer	01/04/14	Resigned
	Deputy Sheriff Officer	07/30/14	Resigned BUFFALO P.D.

2015

NAME

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REASON

	Deputy Sheriff Officer	07/11/15	Resigned SELF EMPLOYED
	Holding Center Guard Part-Time	06/20/15	Resigned D.O.C.
	Deputy Sheriff Officer	08/24/15	Resigned FACTORY
	Holding Center Guard Part-Time	01/10/15	Accepted Full Time County P
	Deputy Sheriff Officer	08/03/15	Resigned HAMBURG P.D.
	Deputy Sheriff Officer	08/01/15	Resigned
	Deputy Sheriff Officer	01/18/15	Resigned BUFFALO P.D.
	Deputy Sheriff Officer	03/17/15	Resigned
	Deputy Sheriff Officer	04/23/15	***Retired/Disability*** **Forced to go at 30%** **Instead of Police 50%**
	Deputy Sheriff Officer	07/25/15	Resigned
	Deputy Sheriff Officer	08/03/15	Resigned Buffalo P.D.
	Deputy Sheriff Officer	04/24/15	Resigned Buffalo FIRE
	Deputy Sheriff Officer	01/19/15	Resigned Buffalo P.D.
	Deputy Sheriff Officer	02/11/15	Resigned NYS troopers



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Deputies working in the Holding Center face threats of violence on a daily basis. The following pages contain incidents where Inmates physically assaulted Deputies or where their actions caused a Deputy to be injured.

The first 4 pages gives a run down of physical altercations that have happened over the last few years. Some incidents involved minor injuries, while others were severe enough that the Deputy involved was never able to return to work.

The next 10 pages after that are various articles that were published in the Buffalo News. Below each press release is a summary of the injury sustained by the Deputy and approximately how long they were out of work.

The next page is a brief summary of several Deputies, that were injured by Inmates, who were not able to return to work on the line due to their injury.

The last 6 pages of this section is an article that was also published in the Buffalo News. It is primarily written in regards to the Buffalo Police and some suburban Police Departments. The Holding Center is mentioned. The underlying issue is that these mentally unstable individuals are arrested and brought to the Holding Center. Then the Holding Center Deputies have to deal with them and their unpredictable behavior, for weeks, months or at times over a year. Many of these individuals return on a very regular basis.

Obviously not all of the incidents of violence make it to a newspaper article. So you cant read about the other injuries. Know how long they were out of work. Know who the Deputy was, or how it affected them in the future or their Family. The twisted knees, jammed or broken fingers, broken noses, concussions etc. the list goes on.

Under our current retirement tier 5 and 6 Deputies will have to work to age 63 and 64. Clearly this is not the environment for people to be working at that age.

Monday July 27, 2015

[The Buffalo News.com \(/\)](#)

City & Region

Grand Island suspect charged with attacking jail guard

Updated: July 22, 2015, 08:33 PM Published: July 22, 2015, 08:33 PM

A 19-year-old Grand Island man in custody since he allegedly tried to stiff a cabbie Feb. 4 on Baseline Road was quickly subdued after he injured an Erie County sheriff deputy who was leading him back to his cell block after an 8:45 a.m. visitation session Tuesday, the Sheriff's Department said.

Claphas Hawkins, also facing a Buffalo City Court case, was charged with attempted assault and obstruction of governmental services after he allegedly lunged at Deputy Joe Puleo while he was being searched after the visit. Puleo, though injured, quickly put on his body alarm and personally subdued Hawkins as other deputies ran to his assistance.

Hawkins also faces administrative discipline in the downtown lockup, according to Scott Zylka, a spokesman for the sheriff's department. Puleo was treated at the Erie County Medical Center for an upper body injury he suffered in the jailhouse incident.

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Incident involved Deputy P., missed 2 weeks of work.

City & Region

Former inmate accused of attacking deputies at holding center

Updated: July 7, 2015, 06:31 PM Published: July 7, 2015, 06:31 PM

A man released Monday from the Erie County Holding Center was locked up again Tuesday after he was accused of returning to the facility and attacking deputies who denied him entrance, the Erie County Sheriff's Office reported.

Sunday Baez, 33, of New York City, allegedly attempted to enter the holding center lobby several times at about 9:30 a.m. to retrieve personal property he thought was stored there, officials said. Deputies said they explained to Baez several times that his property was being held by Buffalo police.

Baez had been released Monday from the holding center after serving time in the facility for harassment charges with physical contact, sheriff's officials said.

On Baez's final attempt to enter the holding center, he charged through the metal detector, cursing, while throwing office equipment and attacking the deputy posted at the front door, officials said.

A deputy suffered an arm injury and was taken to Erie County Medical Center for evaluation.

Baez was charged with two counts of criminal mischief, harassment and assault. He was returned to the holding center without bail.

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Incident involved a regular returning inmate.

Holding center inmate charged with second attack on guards

Updated: January 26, 2015, 08:19 PM Published: January 26, 2015, 08:19 PM

A Buffalo felony suspect already facing charges for allegedly assaulting two Erie County Sheriff's deputies during a Dec. 20 incident at the Erie County Holding Center was charged Monday with throwing an unknown liquid from his disciplinary cell onto another deputy early Saturday.

Jacob Melvin of Buffalo, awaiting trial for Buffalo felony crimes, is accused of throwing the liquid on Deputy Felix Peplowski when Peplowski went to help another who was trying to remove a bed sheet Melvin had hung over his cell block bars to hide himself.

Melvin, whose age was not available Monday evening, faces disciplinary proceedings for Saturday's incident and for a Dec. 20 incident in which he allegedly began fighting two deputies who were delivering lunch to his cell.

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Incident involved Deputy Peplowski having urine thrown onto him. Having urine and feces thrown at Deputies happens fairly often but rarely released to the media.

Inmate charged with felonies in Holding Center attack on deputies

Updated: December 23, 2014, 01:19 PM Published: December 23, 2014, 01:19 PM

An inmate who allegedly attacked two Erie County sheriff's deputies at the county Holding Center last weekend has been charged with two felony counts of assaulting a police officer.

Jacob Melvin was also charged with a misdemeanor count of obstructing governmental administration, Undersheriff Mark Wipperman reported Wednesday. He was being held on \$100,000 bail related to several unspecified charges before the City of Buffalo and county courts.

The incident was one of two reported attacks against deputies in the Holding Center last weekend.

Deputies Christopher Lenhardt and Samuel Alfonso were delivering lunch to Melvin when they were attacked Saturday, Wipperman said. As Lenhardt opened the cell door, Melvin allegedly charged him and began hitting him with his fists.

When Alfonso tried to secure the inmate, he was punched in the head and body, Wipperman said.

Sgt. James Balys arrived and sprayed the inmate with pepper spray, the undersheriff said. After the inmate fell to the ground, he was secured.

Lenhardt suffered scrapes and upper body injuries, while Alfonso suffered a leg injury, Wipperman said. Both were evaluated by medical personnel before they were taken to Erie County Medical Center for further treatment.

A second incident took place Sunday morning. Deputy Jason Hicks was escorting medical personnel to evaluate inmate Marc Murphy when he was attacked after opening the cell door. Wipperman said Hicks fended off the first attack, then restrained Murphy after he charged again.

Murphy faces criminal and disciplinary charges related to the attacks, Wipperman said. Murphy was held on \$10,000 bail stemming from charges pending in City Court.

Both inmates were transferred to the disciplinary segregation block at the Holding Center.

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Deputy Lenhardt suffered a broken nose.

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Erie County Holding Center inmate again causes damage to cell, injures deputy

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For the second time this month, Erie County Holding Center inmate Ivan Melendez caused damage to his cell. And this time, he injured a deputy trying to subdue him, according to the Erie County Sheriff's Office.

A deputy witnessed inmate Ivan Melendez smearing human excrement in his cell and tearing out the cell light and electrical wires. Deputies were trying to relocate Melendez to a different cell when the inmate suddenly turned violent and attacked them, the Erie County Sheriff's Office said. The Holding Center's response team arrived to subdue and secure Melendez's legs and arms.

One deputy was cut on his arm during the incident. The nursing staff evaluated him, and he was later sent to Erie County Medical Center for further evaluation and treatment.

Melendez was transferred to an isolation cell and remains under 24-hour watch. Earlier this month, Melendez caused \$2,000 worth of damage to another cell when he destroyed its bunk and other parts.

Additional charges are pending against Melendez.

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The responding Deputies were all exposed to the inmate's feces.

Holding Center deputies injured in struggle with inmate accused of attacking nurse

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Two deputies assigned to the Erie County Holding Center were injured Thursday while subduing an inmate who attempted to assault a staff nurse.

The inmate, identified as Tun Win, was being evaluated by a Holding Center nurse in a private examining room when the attack occurred, Erie County Sheriff Timothy B. Howard said.

Three deputies responded to the nurse's screams, attempted to handcuff the inmate and a struggle ensued, authorities said. Win was subdued and placed in restraints, deputies added. Deputies Daniel Miller and Terrence Vanderlip were transported to Erie County Medical Center for medical evaluation and treatment.

Win, who was in custody on charges related to domestic violence and child endangerment, faces additional charges and will be arraigned today in Buffalo City Court.

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Deputy M. had his collar bone broken. He is awaiting a second surgery. He has not regained full use of his shoulder and has been unable to return to full duty.

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Buffalo man charged with injuring Holding Center deputy

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A Buffalo man has been charged with attacking a sheriff's deputy at the Erie County Holding Center last summer, resulting in a knee injury that forced the deputy off the job for two months.

Edward Hubbs, 42, of Main Street, pleaded not guilty Thursday to second-degree assault in the June 20 attack at the Holding Center, where he was serving a 15-day jail sentence for harassment.

Assistant District Attorney Patrick B. Shanahan said Hubbs had served three days of his sentence when he attacked the deputy, who was sitting at a desk in the dormitory area.

Erie County Judge Michael F. Pietruszka set bail at \$25,000, noting that Hubbs has five Social Security numbers, more than a dozen aliases and many arrests and convictions in multiple states.

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Deputy G. missed 2 months
of work and still has issues
with his knee.

Woman admits attacking deputies at Holding Center

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A woman with a long arrest record has pleaded guilty to assaulting sheriff's deputies in the Erie County Holding Center.

Sherron Grant, 23, of Glenwood Drive, attacked four deputies since being locked up in the downtown facility, said Erie County District Attorney Frank A. Sedita III.

One deputy underwent reconstructive knee surgery as a result of her assault.

Grant also filed false statements alleging sexual assaults by deputies, Sedita said.

She has also repeatedly damaged her cell, Sedita said.

"Ms. Grant's antics have cost Erie County taxpayers hundreds of thousands of dollars," Sedita said.

Grant pleaded guilty this week to second-degree assault, second-degree attempted assault and second-degree filing a false sworn statement before Erie County Judge Kenneth F. Case.

Grant entered the Holding Center in January for an assault charge while she was at Buffalo Psychiatric Center. In April, she was sentenced to eight months for assaulting an employee at the center. She has been arrested 11 times in the past seven years.

Sedita said forensic examiners have found she does not suffer from a major mental disorder, even though she has been hospitalized at the Psychiatric Center.

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HOLDING CENTER DEPUTY ASSUALTED

Buffalo, NY – Erie County Sheriff Timothy B. Howard reports that a Deputy assigned the Erie County Holding Center suffered injuries after an attack by an inmate Tuesday night.

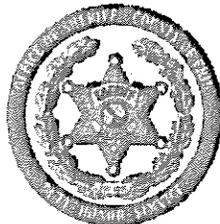
At approximately 9 p.m., inmate Brennan Markowski initiated an unprovoked attack on a Deputy assigned to the housing area. During the attack, the Deputy sustained upper body injuries and was taken to a local hospital for treatment.

Markowski, who is being held at the holding center on various larceny and drug charges from separate police agencies, faces administrative disciplinary action and criminal charges.

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Deputy Matt Smith sustained a shoulder injury and has not returned to duty.

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HOLDING CENTER INMATE PUNCHES DEPUTY

Buffalo, NY – Erie County Sheriff Timothy B. Howard reports a Deputy assigned to the Erie County Holding Center was attacked by inmate Charles Fonville while escorting him within the holding center.

Fonville, 19 of Buffalo, was charged with a felony count of Attempted Assault While Confined in a Correctional Facility and will also face administrative disciplinary action. Fonville is currently housed in the holding center on criminal mischief charges from Buffalo Police.

The Deputy sustained injuries to the face and was treated at Erie County Medical Center.

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Today's mental health squad: The police

Government agencies have cut back, but cops respond around the clock to sort out calls with the mentally ill. Are they the best for the job?

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First of an occasional series investigating how police have become the front lines in dealing with the mentally ill.

Officer Robert Yeates had crossed paths with her before. She was mentally ill, and when off her lithium, the caring mother and grandmother would turn violent and suicidal.

Charlene McNally Fears was so out of control on Aug. 1 she tore apart her son's bedroom and, in an act impossible to fathom, stabbed her trusting 4-year-old grandson in the chest while whispering "it's OK, it's OK."

Little Manny's mother, hearing his cries, burst in to yank him away. She laid him out on the porch to await an ambulance. Then she flagged down Yeates, passing by in his squad car.

It was up to Yeates to subdue and arrest Fears.

He found her inside the home in Black Rock, staring him down from 14 feet away. Her chin was down, her breathing heavy, Yeates wrote in a statement later.

Blood covered her white shirt and dripped from the knives in each hand. She wanted her life to end right there.

"Please put the knives down. Drop them right now," Yeates said, leveling his Glock.

"NOOO," she yelled, advancing in blood-spattered socks. "You're going to have to shoot me. Go on ... shoot me."

Again he told her to drop the knives. Again she refused.

Still closing ground, she raised the blades.

The first shot hit the left side of her chest and spun her. The second coursed through her torso from right to left, and her bouts with depression and bipolar disorder were over.

No one faulted the officer for shooting Charlene Fears, not even her family. A grand jury found the gunfire justified. But it was another messy, fatal outcome to a police call involving someone with a serious mental illness. This time, the person took a life, that of the grandson she usually doted upon.

Police today are the front line in the nation's mental health system. Big psychiatric centers have been mothballed in favor of community clinics ill-suited for people who forgo medicines and don't show for appointments because they don't think they are sick.

So police decide what to do with someone hearing voices in their head, shouting threats or raising a knife.

Or with someone diagnosed with a mental illness who is simply sad, confused or urinating in the street.

Jail? The hospital? The care of a friend? Deadly force?

Should this be the job of police?

"What used to be dealt with by the medical community years ago is now dumped on criminal justice. And it's just caused a nightmare," said Michael Blasotti, head of the New York State Association of Police Chiefs.

"No cop wants to be involved in putting a severely mentally ill person in jail," he said. "But they respond, and a lot of times in the response, they don't know what the person's mental status is. So you pull up, and the guy has a weapon and comes at you. And the next thing you know ... it's a shame."

Weeks before the mass killings in Newtown, Conn., shined a new light on mental illness in America and on the nation's gun laws, The Buffalo News began examining how police are tested as today's community mental health workers. Among the findings:

- Nearly half of the people killed by police north of New York City over a five-year period – 17 of 36 – suffered from a mental problem or were emotionally disturbed. A few, such as Laura J. Petty in Watertown, Justin Arnold in Canastota and Charlene Fears in Buffalo, enlisted police to kill them by aiming weapons at the officers.

- Prisons and jails have become quasi-psychiatric centers. Researchers estimate that at least 17 percent of jail inmates are seriously mentally ill, a percentage three times greater than the public at large. In New York's prisons, the state Office of Mental Health treats one out of every seven inmates, nearly 8,000 people. The percentage of state inmates with some type of "mental health problem," including substance abuse, is much higher – 56 percent, according to the U.S. Bureau of Justice Statistics. That's five times greater than the public at large.

- At least 500 times each year, police in Erie County escort or wrestle disturbed people who are a danger to themselves or others into psychiatric emergency rooms. Some town and city departments deal with the same people dozens of times, usually for minor infractions.

- A police cadet's basic training in handling the mentally ill has changed little in more than a generation. The training takes up just two or three days of a multi-week course at New York's police academies.

- Police are busy with mentally ill people because families are frustrated in attempts to prod their loved ones into treatment. It's not uncommon for someone with a serious mental illness to spurn their medicines because they hate the side effects and don't understand they are sick. With the patient in a spiral, some families welcome police because they have nowhere to turn.

- New York still runs more psychiatric centers than any other state, but more closings are expected. Gov. Andrew M. Cuomo intends to consolidate them into regional "centers of excellence" for behavioral health programs and would plow the savings into community-based outpatient care – the strategy that has led to uneven results for people with serious mental illness.

"The mental health system right now is failing not just the patient, but it's failing the family members who care for them ... and unfortunately our society," said Victor Campione, whose law enforcement career included work as a police officer and as a state corrections officer. His brother, diagnosed with paranoid schizophrenia, was off his medication and adrift when he provoked a hail of police gunfire in Syracuse in 2011 and was killed.

D.J. Jaffe saw how difficult it was for a mentally ill sister-in-law to find treatment. He founded the Mental Illness Policy Org in New York City, his think-tank about the treatment of people with serious mental illness.

"In the mental health field, they will say we have to train police better to handle the mentally ill," Jaffe said. "What we should be doing is training the mental health system to handle people with serious mental illness."

A crush of repeat offenders

"John" lives with his mother in Cheektowaga, near Amherst. With bipolar disorder, John has intense mood swings far more severe than the ups and downs that most people go through. Because his mother did not want John interviewed, The News agreed to use a pseudonym.

Police records show officers have arrested him 19 times and escorted him 15 times to a psychiatric emergency room. In total, they have responded to 79 calls involving John.

That's in Cheektowaga. Police in Amherst, Depew, Evans and Buffalo have responded 10 other times in their municipalities.

John is just 19 years old, and those are the calls only on his adult record. Doctors and police say there are many more mentally ill people with similar histories. Officers shuttle them between jails and hospitals, usually after outbursts and nuisance crimes. John has been dangerous, but he also seems to know his pattern cannot continue. One night last year, he broke down outside the Cheektowaga police station when released from custody.

"I want to die," he yelled. "I want to go to heaven. I am living in hell."

His mother has been overwhelmed.

"I love my son. He's such a good kid. He's a smart kid. He has been through hell," she said. "He just wants to be like everybody, and to have friends like everybody else. It breaks my heart."

From asylums to cells

The revolution that put people such as John and Charlene Fears back on the street time and again, making them a police concern, started in the 1960s.

Activists who wanted more dignity for patients -- to give them the chance to live in the community and have a say over their treatment -- persuaded states to close big asylums and psychiatric centers. States went along for several reasons. Among them: While state budgets paid for state-run psychiatric centers, new federal safety-net programs could support community-based treatment. States laid much of their cost to care for the seriously mentally ill on the federal government.

In 1956, states and counties made 558,000 beds available for mentally ill individuals. By 2005, the number had plummeted to about 53,000, and it's around 40,000 today, said E. Fuller Torrey, a research psychiatrist in Chevy Chase, Md., who in the fall will publish his latest book about the changes.

When adjusting for population growth over the decades, it was as though the nation lost 19 of every 20 beds set up for the seriously mentally ill, Torrey said during a recent speech in Getzville.

While the transformation benefited many patients, some severely mentally ill people still spin on and off their medicines, cannot comprehend that they are ill and pose a threat to themselves or others while resisting long-term treatment. Police arrest them dozens of times.

Do people like this need the structure of an institution?

"There is one. It's the Holding Center. And it's the Department of Corrections," lamented Dr. Michael Cummings, director of community psychiatry for the University at Buffalo medical school, which provides psychiatrist services to Erie County Medical Center's Community Psychiatric Emergency Program. Cummings also is a consultant to local detention centers, such as the Erie County Holding Center and the county's Youth Detention Center.

"There are any number of individuals who years ago would not be in the Holding Center," Cummings continued. "They would be on the grounds of a psychiatric state hospital. They often come in and out based on relatively minor and modest crimes. They have incredible discontinuity in their medication."

The Niagara County Jail spends about 40 percent of its medicinal budget -- or about \$140,000 a year -- on psychotropic drugs for inmates with a diagnosed mental illness, Chief Administrator Kevin M. Smith said.

"There are always going to be some where you are basically dealing with an adult with the mental capacity of a 7-year-old, or lower," Smith said. "They don't belong in jail, no. But we treat them to the best of our ability. That can go as far as officers having to walk them into the shower, or officers having to clean their cell on a daily basis."

Multiple arrests

Cheektowaga Police Chief David J. Zack suspects the number of police calls triggered by people with mental illness is on the rise. He's not the only police chief who thinks that.

Biasotti, the head of the state police chiefs' association, surveyed police administrators nationwide for a master's thesis. Eighty-four percent of the respondents said they have seen the mentally ill population in their communities increase over their careers; 76 percent said they have seen the number of mentally ill detainees rise; 61 percent have seen the numbers of suicides grow.

Few local police agencies count the calls in which a person's mental health was the root issue. A telling statistic might be found in the number of times police take people to psychiatric emergency rooms, but no state agency counts that traffic in New York.

After days of research, the staff at ECMC determined that police last year transported 502 people involuntarily to ECMC's busy psychiatric emergency room, and that total represented a 35 percent climb over the prior year. Still, those numbers don't reveal the full volume because it's not uncommon for people at the last minute to enter the psychiatric emergency room voluntarily because they are going in anyway.

The vast majority of seriously mentally ill people are not violent or dangerous when taking their medicines and seeing counselors and psychiatrists. Their illnesses, unlike, say, diabetes or hypertension, are more complex to diagnose and treat, and they carry a stigma. To a large degree, the fates of these seriously mentally ill people depend on the police.

"The best way, we know from experience here, is that you cannot arrest your way out of this problem," Zack said. "So if you are not going to arrest, what can we do?"

Weeks later, Zack decided that each of his approximately 130 officers will receive specialized crisis-intervention training that helps prevent calls involving people who are mentally ill from escalating and helps steer people into treatment rather than jail. Cheektowaga is the first Erie County police department to make this move.

Two mental health systems

In Niagara Falls, Thomas P. Jamieson's hobby was making Molotov cocktails. When his trove was discovered, police evacuated his neighborhood in April 2012 to remove up to 20 of the weapons. His case, assigned to mental health court, led to his placement in the Buffalo Psychiatric Center rather than the Niagara County Jail.

It was a path that many families, desperate to help their loved ones, would prefer in an effort to get them into monitored treatment or an institution. Toward this end, the police have become pivotal gatekeepers for the seriously mentally ill. Plus, they are easier to find than psychiatrists.

"For a lot of families, the most effective solution to a serious dilemma is the patient gets arrested without being beat up, shot, killed, hurt or whatever, and ends up in a mental health court," said Lynne Shuster, who was active for years in the National Alliance on Mental Illness chapter for Buffalo and Erie County.

"The mental health court judges follow these people and hold the mental health agencies accountable, which they are not real happy about necessarily," she said.

Jaffe, founder of the Mental Health Policy Org, sees a disparity.

"New York State now basically has two mental health systems," he said "You have the one run by the Office of Mental Health and the counties that basically helps improve mental health. And then you have the system for people with serious mental illness, and that is being run by police and corrections and judges.

"Basically OMH and the mental health system have decided they are going to focus on the highest functioning," he said, "and the results of that is the off-loading of the others to police and criminal justice."

Jaffe said events like the deaths of Charlene Fears and her grandson occur because neither the hospital nor a government agency is expected to follow up with a once-dangerous patient when released from inpatient care. They are usually released to the outpatient care offered by a mental health center, but if they slide backward and go off their medication, which is common, no government agency is watching. Their cycle is free to repeat itself.

"Her case is exceedingly typical," Jaffe said of Fears. "The criminal justice system had to go where the mental health system no longer treads, to the aid of somebody with serious mental illness. And tragedy resulted. But the tragedy did not result because police went in. The tragedy resulted because the mental health system didn't."

Horrible results

In calls involving the mentally ill, police try to get it right. Sometimes they don't.

When Michael Bennett, diagnosed with schizophrenia, walked naked down a West Side street in July 2002, Buffalo police took him to the Holding Center rather than ECMC. In the jail, Bennett tried to hang himself with a shoelace and repeatedly jumped off his toilet, smashing his head into the bars. The state Commission of Correction attributed his death to traumatic asphyxia: A shoe had been pressed into his back when jail deputies tried to control him. Erie County settled the wrongful death case for \$1 million.

Every corner of the nation has horror stories that played out in jails or on the street. Just look at newspaper accounts in upstate New York:

- In Schenectady, police in 2009 shoot and kill a man with schizophrenia who was off his medicine and refused to drop a knife.
- Rochester police in June 2012 shoot and kill a man with bipolar disorder – off his medication – who fired a rifle at them after a domestic incident.
- Syracuse police in May 2011 shoot and kill Benjamin Campione, who aimed a pellet gun at them. Campione was off his medicine and slipping deeper into paranoid schizophrenia, said his brother, Victor, who had been desperate to find him help.

"You can't understand the terror, the fear, the frustration of a family member that has a son or a daughter that has been diagnosed as a paranoid schizophrenic or a manic depressive, and you can't get any help," he said. "You are waiting for that phone call that they have been picked up again, or you are waiting for that phone call that they have killed themselves or they've harmed somebody else. You live with that every day."

A federal government statistic hints at a dramatic jump in the number of troubled people who resort to suicide by cop: In the mid-1970s, roughly one of every three victims of a justifiable police homicide had attacked the officer. By 2005, it was double that – two out of every three.

Every year in America, police kill an average of 24 people whom officers did not intend to arrest, according to a Justice Department study. In most of those cases, the task of bringing someone to a hospital for a mental evaluation turned ugly.

"We go to calls all the time, on a daily basis, where we interact with the mentally ill. We do the best we can," Chief Deputy Steven Preisch of the Niagara County Sheriff's Office said. "We have to be realistic. We are police officers. A lot of times we are dealing with individuals who are going to need a lifetime of medication or supervision or counseling or something to help. A lot of times we get called in on the weekends, or holidays or in the middle of the night when no one else is available. And we are basically a Band-Aid."

Fear of the mentally ill

While some families welcome police involvement, the patients, also called consumers, do not necessarily feel the same way. The arrival of officers with badges and guns can cast the mentally ill as criminals.

"They sent the police for me once," said Lauren Tenney who calls herself a "psychiatric survivor" and an advocate for the "liberation movement" that fights for the rights of people in the system.

Tenney has experienced and rejected the tools of psychiatry, especially the drugs that doctors prescribe.

The police came for her in Manhattan, around 1992. She was 20 years old and had been diagnosed with a mental illness.

"I was sad. I was crying. The person that I was with flipped out because they couldn't deal with the fact that I was crying. And so they called the psychiatrist, and the psychiatrist told them to call the police. The police showed up, six or eight of them maybe, with those plastic screen things, you know? And helmets ...

"It was frightening. Having people come in prepared for who knows what didn't in any way help me feel more like a person. And having to be walked out by police, in all this gear, with people seeing it, it deepens the justification in peoples' minds ... that we are dangerous. All I was doing was crying."

Said Tenney: "I do think that police and people in general are afraid of us."

Some officers acknowledge they do find calls involving the mentally ill scary. But that doesn't mean the seriously mentally ill are inherently more dangerous when treated. Studies have found that people with mental illness are more likely to be victims of crimes than perpetrators. Police are more likely to harm the mentally ill than be harmed by them.

A Buffalo News analysis found that from 2008 through 2012, police north of New York City killed 17 people who had mental trouble or were emotionally disturbed.

The News found that four upstate police were slain by gunfire over the same period. One of the four, Detective Alexander Ridley of Mount Vernon, was killed by law enforcement officers who mistook him for a suspect.

Tenney's views reveal a philosophical divide in the mental health community: Should treatment be forced on the mentally ill?

Generally, the legal answer is no, unless the person appears to be a threat to themselves or others. Police can then take them to a hospital for what usually turns out to be a short-term stay.

But with someone, say, eating from a dumpster or ranting on the street to no one in particular, cops have limited power.

'I'm a loser'

Charlene Fears was dangerous. She once pulled a knife on her husband. She fought with a neighbor. She threatened suicide. "It was always some chaotic stuff at that house," a neighbor later told police.

Fears had spent time in psychiatric care and was released in the hope that she would take her lithium.

But she didn't like the side effects. Her husband told detectives that his wife thought the drug made her hair fall out.

Her torment worsened until her final acts on Aug. 1.

A detective examining her body at 195 Esser St. in Black Rock found she had slashed her wrists some time before squaring off with Officer Yeates.

Another detective found a handwritten note she left upstairs.

"... I am better off dead," the note said. "I kill everybody I touch ...

"I love my kids ...

"I taking my life cause I'm a loser."

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I hope You can see that the Holding Center is a tough place to work. The worst of society are arrested and put here. The Rapists, Murderers, Child Molesters, Wife Beaters, Arsonists, Drug Dealers, every type of Predator You can think of. We deal with them on a daily basis. They have no regard for society and its rules and a lot of them have no regard for the Deputies as You have seen.

Lets not forget all the Inmates with the Psychiatric issues that are placed here. With the closing of Psych centers years ago there is no place for these people to go. So they end up arrested and put in the Holding Center for the Deputies to deal with and their unpredictable behavior.

I feel there are no tougher beats to watch than the ones the Deputies in the Holding Center watch on a daily basis. This is not an environment for Deputies that are over the age of 63 to be working in as tiers 5 and 6 would have them.

As I stated earlier we are one of three divisions of the Sheriffs Office. New York State recognizes us as their equals as I hope You can easily see now too. The other two divisions are already enrolled in a 20 year retirement which we feel we deserve also. With your approval we would appreciate your passing a Face Bill for New York State Retirement so we could obtain costs for the following retirements 551, 552, 553 and 384.

Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.

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Dear Legislator,

A couple of weeks ago I dropped off an information packet with information in regards to the Holding Center Deputies bid for a Police Officer retirement.

I inadvertently left out a few pages. Enclosed You will find those pages, They would fall in place as being pages 18-22. They follow the letter dealing with Deputy injuries caused by inmates. They are the first 4 pages referred to in the letter showing the number of incidents over the last 4 years.

I apologize for any confusion caused by this.

Deputy Thomas Klein

INMATE INCIDENTS
INVOLVING INJURIES TO DEPUTIES

Incident	Date	Facility	Year
HC12008	Monday, January 09, 2012	HC	2012
HC12043	Sunday, February 12, 2012	HC	2012
HC12046	Tuesday, February 14, 2012	HC	2012
HC12063	Monday, February 27, 2012	HC	2012
HC12169	Thursday, June 21, 2012	HC	2012
HC12174	Saturday, June 23, 2012	HC	2012
HC12218	Friday, August 3, 2012	HC	2012
HC12241	Thursday, August 16, 2012	HC	2012
HC12224	Monday, August 06, 2012	HC	2012
HC12250	Thursday, August 23, 2012	HC	2012
HC12266	Thursday, August 30, 2012	HC	2012
HC12274	Tuesday, September 04, 2012	HC	2012
HC12276	Friday, September 07, 2012	HC	2012
HC12306	Wednesday, September 26, 2012	HC	2012
HC12309	Thursday, August 27, 2012	HC	2012
HC12319	Tuesday, October 09, 2012	HC	2012
HC12321	Friday, October 12, 2012	HC	2012
HC12338	Wednesday, October 24, 2012	HC	2012
HC12347	Tuesday, October 30, 2012	HC	2012
HC12348	Wednesday, October 31, 2012	HC	2012
HC12372	Tuesday, November 27, 2012	HC	2012
HC12392	Saturday, December 22, 2012	HC	2012
HC12396	Thursday, December 27, 2012	HC	2012
2012 Count			23

INMATE INCIDENTS
INVOLVING INJURIES TO DEPUTIES

<u>INCIDENT</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>FACILITY</u>	<u>YEAR</u>
HC13040	Thursday, February 07, 2013	HC	2013
HC13064	Thursday, February 21, 2013	HC	2013
HC13065	Friday, February 22, 2013	HC	2013
HC13126	Wednesday, April 03, 2013	HC	2013
HC13144	Sunday, April 14, 2013	HC	2013
HC13160	Monday, April 22, 2013	HC	2013
HC13175	Wednesday, May 01, 2013	HC	2013
HC13194	Sunday, May 12, 2013	HC	2013
HC13201	Wednesday, May 15, 2013	HC	2013
HC13207	Friday, May 17, 2013	HC	2012
HC13222	Thursday, May 30, 2013	HC	2013
HC13257	Thursday, June 20, 2013	HC	2013
HC13259	Thursday, June 20, 2013	HC	2013
HC13260	Friday, June 21, 2013	HC	2013
HC13299	Monday, July 08, 2013	HC	2013
HC13315	Tuesday, July 16, 2013	HC	2013
HC13324	Sunday, July 21, 2013	HC	2013
HC13339	Wednesday, July 31, 2013	HC	2013
HC13352	Thursday, August 08, 2013	HC	2013
HC13380	Sunday, September 01, 2013	HC	2013
HC13381	Tuesday, September 03, 2013	HC	2013
HC13418	Monday, September 30, 2013	HC	2013
HC13431	Monday, October 14, 2013	HC	2013
HC13452	Saturday, November 02, 2013	HC	2013
HC13458	Monday, November 04, 2013	HC	2013
HC13499	Monday, December 02, 2013	HC	2013
HC13508	Thursday, December 05, 2013	HC	2013
HC13529	Tuesday, December 24, 2013	HC	2013
2013 Count			28

INMATE INCIDENTS
INVOLVING INJURIES TO DEPUTIES

<u>INCIDENT</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>FACILITY</u>	<u>YEAR</u>
HC14032	Tuesday, January 28, 2014	HC	2014
HC14078	Sunday, March 09, 2014	HC	2014
HC14085	Sunday, March 16, 2014	HC	2014
HC14110	Saturday, April 05, 2014	HC	2014
HC14119	Wednesday, April 16, 2014	HC	2014
HC14131	Tuesday, April 29, 2014	HC	2014
HC14156	Saturday, May 24, 2014	HC	2014
HC14159	Saturday, May 24, 2014	HC	2014
HC14162	Wednesday, May 28, 2014	HC	2014
HC14189	Friday, June 20, 2014	HC	2014
HC14198	Tuesday, July 01, 2014	HC	2014
HC14211	Thursday, July 10, 2014	HC	2014
HC14220	Tuesday, July 15, 2014	HC	2014
HC14223	Friday, July 18, 2014	HC	2014
HC14240	Friday, July 25, 2014	HC	2014
HC14310	Thursday, September 11, 2014	HC	2014
HC14319	Wednesday, September 17, 2014	HC	2014
HC14327	Thursday, September 24, 2014	HC	2014
HC14381	Sunday, November 09, 2014	HC	2014
HC14394	Wednesday, November 19, 2014	HC	2014
HC14423	Friday, December 19, 2014	HC	2014
HC14428	Saturday, December 20, 2014	HC	2014
HC14429	Sunday, December 21, 2014	HC	2014
		2014 Count	22

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<u>INCIDENT</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>FACILITY</u>	<u>YEAR</u>	
HC15006	Wednesday, January 7, 2015	HC	2015	
HC15020	Saturday, January 17, 2015	HC	2015	
HC15039	Monday, January 26, 2015	HC	2015	
HC15088	Monday, February 23, 2015	HC	2015	
HC15092	Saturday, February 27, 2015	HC	2015	
HC15110	Monday, March 16, 2015	HC	2015	
HC15117	Tuesday, March 24, 2015	HC	2015	
HC15119	Saturday, March 28, 2015	HC	2015	
HC15126	Thursday, April 02, 2015	HC	2015	
HC15142	FRIDAY, April 10, 2015	HC	2015	
HC15148	Sunday, April 12, 2015	HC	2015	
HC15153	Monday, April 13, 2015	HC	2015	
HC15182	Monday, May 4, 2015	HC	2015	
HC15184	Friday, May 08, 2015	HC	2015	
HC15189	Monday, May 11, 2015	HC	2015	
HC15193	Thursday, May 14, 2015	HC	2015	
HC15230	Wednesday, June 10, 2015	HC	2015	
HC15231	Thursday, June 11, 2015	HC	2015	
HC15234	Friday, June 12, 2015	HC	2015	
HC15243	Tuesday, June 16, 2015	HC	2015	
HC15260	Thursday, June 25, 2015	HC	2015	
HC15264	Monday, June 29, 2015	HC	2015	
HC15274	Tuesday, July 7, 2015	HC	2015	
HC15278	Saturday, July 11, 2015	HC	2015	
HC15290	Tuesday, July 21, 2015	HC	2015	
HC15316	Sunday, August 16, 2015	HC	2015	
HC15339	Monday, August 31, 2015	HC	2015	
HC15340	Tuesday, September 1, 2015	HC	2015	
HC15348	Friday, September 4, 2015	HC	2015	
HC15363	Wednesday, September 16, 2015	HC	2015	
HC15371	Tuesday, September 22, 2015	HC	2015	
HC15380	Thursday, September 24, 2015	HC	2015	
HC15382	Thursday, September 24, 2015	HC	2015	
HC15383	Sunday, September 27, 2015	HC	2015	
HC15389	Friday, October 2, 2015	HC	2015	
HC15406	Tuesday, October 13, 2015	HC	2015	
HC15416	Monday, October 19, 2015	HC	2015	
HC15433	Sunday, October 25, 2015	HC	2015	
		2015 Count	34	
		Grand Total	112	