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**SEX OFFENDER SENTENCED TO 3 YEARS
FOR ASSAULTING CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS**

April 21, 2021

Clinton County District Attorney Andrew J. Wylie announced today that Clinton County Court Judge Timothy J. Lawliss sentenced Angel Baez, of Schenectady, New York to a three year determinate sentence followed by five years of post-release supervision, with the New York State Department of Corrections and Community Supervision. Baez was sentenced as a second felony offender with a prior felony conviction from October 2018 out of Schenectady County Court. Judge Lawliss further imposed fees and surcharges in the amount of \$3375.00.

Baez, age 40, was indicted by a Clinton County Grand Jury in July of 2020, and thereafter appeared in Clinton County Court for arraignment on August 13, 2020. Baez was indicted and charged with two counts of Assault in the Second Degree, Penal Law Section 120.05(3), two counts of Assault in the Second Degree, Penal Law Section 120.05(7), and four counts of Attempted Assault in the Second Degree, Penal Law 110.00/120.05(7). These charges stem from an incident that occurred on April 9, 2020, in Altona Correctional Facility. Defendant refused to comply with directives by Correctional Officers who were attempting to conduct a search of Baez. Baez repeatedly kicked the Correctional Officers resulting in one of the Correctional Officers sustaining a fractured tibia and another Correctional Officer sustaining a shoulder injury. Baez was subsequently taken to the clinic and attempted to assault Correctional Officers who escorted him there. Baez plead guilty to Assault in the Second Degree, Penal Law 120.05(3), on March 11, 2021 in Clinton County Court before Judge Lawliss.

Baez had a prior felony conviction for Rape in the Third Degree out of Schenectady County from October 4, 2018 at which time he was sentenced to a 1 year and six months determinate sentence in the Department of Corrections and Community Supervision followed by 10 years of post-release supervision.

Under current Covid-19 protocols in the New York State court system, the defendant appeared in Court on April 21, 2021, from the Clinton County Jail via the TEAMS meeting virtual system and was sentenced.

District Attorney Andrew Wylie stated that his office will continue to prioritize the safety and well-being of staff employed by the New York State Department of Corrections and Community Supervision in Clinton County and prosecute attacks against staff.

Clinton County Assistant District Attorney Vivian Joo prosecuted the defendant.
The defendant was represented by Keeseville attorney Jacob Painter.