

PRESS RELEASE



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Arrests for Immediate Release January 2023

A 53 year old Albany resident was arrested by Det/Sgt. Mike Guadagnino and Officer Bernadette Ellis following an investigation of drug sales at a local hotel. During the course of the investigation the defendant was found to be in possession of a quantity of heroin. The defendant was charged with Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the Third Degree, and Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the Seventh Degree. The defendant was arraigned by Town Justice Mocerine and remanded to the Rensselaer County Jail without bail.

In other cases;

A 29 year old Albany resident was arrested by Officer Bernadette Ellis following an investigation of a possible larceny at Walmart. The investigation revealed the defendant threatened to spray a Walmart employee with pepper spray, and then produced a can of pepper spray and pointed it at the employee. Further investigation revealed the defendant was previously trespassed from Walmart. The defendant was charged with Burglary in the Third Degree, Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the Third Degree, and Menacing in the Second Degree. The defendant was arraigned and released to Rensselaer County Probation Day Reporting.

A 35 year old town resident was arrested by Officer Edward Ashley following a domestic incident. The victim has an Order of Protection preventing the defendant from having any contact with her. The defendant is charged with Criminal Contempt in the 2nd Degree and was arraigned and released to Rensselaer County Probation.

A 42 year old Rotterdam resident was arrested by Officer Joseph Gumbrewicz following a traffic stop after the vehicle's license plate hit as a stolen vehicle on a License Plate Reader. The defendant and passenger were on their way to turn themselves in to the East Greenbush Police for open charges. The defendant was charged with Criminal Possession of Stolen Property in the Fourth Degree, Burglary in the Third Degree, Unauthorized Use of a Motor Vehicle in the Third Degree, Petit Larceny, and Conspiracy in the Sixth Degree. The 33 year old Passenger was also charged with Criminal Possession of Stolen Property in the Fourth Degree, Unauthorized Use of a Motor Vehicle in the Third Degree, Petit Larceny and Conspiracy in the Sixth Degree. Both defendants were arraigned and released to the North Greenbush Police Department on active warrants.

A 34 year old New York City resident was arrested by Officer Nick Liuzzi following an investigation of trespassing at a local hotel. The investigation revealed the defendant was previously advised that he was no longer welcome on the property and when officers arrived the defendant refused to leave after several requests. The defendant actively fought with officers when they attempted to arrest him. The defendant was taken into custody and charged Trespassing and Resisting Arrest. The defendant is set to appear in town court at a later date.

A 49 year old Schenectady resident was arrested by Officer Trevor LaGrave following a shoplifting incident at the Hannaford Super Market in town. The defendant passed all points of sale with unpaid merchandise totaling \$1,069.75. The defendant was charged with Grand Larceny in the Fourth Degree, and was arraigned by Town Justice Mocerine and remanded the Rensselaer County Jail

A 46 year old town resident was arrested by Officer Matthew LaFortune following a report of a violation of an Order of Protection. An investigation revealed the defendant entered the victim's residence and confronted her about the order. The defendant was located by patrols walking away from the scene a short distance away. The defendant was charged with Criminal Contempt in the Second Degree. The defendant was arraigned and released to Rensselaer County Probation for Electronic Monitoring.

A 29 year old town resident was arrested by Officer Keith Millington following a traffic stop on Columbia Turnpike. An investigation revealed the driver's NYS Driver License was suspended as well as the vehicle registration. The defendant was charged with Aggravated Unlicensed Operation of a Motor Vehicle in the 3rd Degree, Suspended Registration, and additional Vehicle and Traffic Law violations. The defendant was released to appear in town court at a later date.

A 38 year old Menands resident was arrested by Officer Keith Millington on an Arrest Warrant. The warrant stems from an investigation into three separate incidents of shoplifting at Walmart over a period of time. The defendant passed all points of sale without paying for merchandise totaling \$1,176.44, and was previously trespassed from the store. The defendant was charged with Grand Larceny in the Fourth Degree and Burglary in the Third Degree. The defendant was released to appear in town court at a later date.

The men and women of the Town of East Greenbush Police Department responded to over 2350 calls for service during the month of January.

9 individuals were assisted with a mental health crisis during the month of January.