

PRESS RELEASE



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Arrests for Immediate Release May 2023

A 53 year old Valatie resident was arrested by Officer Matt LaFortune following a shoplifting complaint at Hannaford Supermarket. The defendant did pass all points of sale without paying for merchandise. The defendant was charged with Petit Larceny, and was released on an appearance ticket set to appear in court at a later date.

A 46 year old East Greenbush resident was arrested by Sergeant Trevor LaGrave following a larceny investigation. The defendant did steal property belonging to another. The defendant was charged with Grand Larceny in the Fourth Degree and Petit Larceny, and was released on an appearance ticket set to appear in court at a later date.

A 52 year old Troy resident was arrested by Officer Matt LaFortune following a shoplifting complaint at CVS. The defendant did pass all points of sale without paying for merchandise. During the course of investigation, the defendant was found to have committed the same acts at Market 32, and Peter Harris and was in possession of proceeds from both stores. The defendant was charged with 3 counts of Petit Larceny, and Criminal Possession of Stolen Property in the Fifth Degree. The defendant was wanted out of the Town of Colonie and was released to Colonie Police Department on an appearance ticket set to appear in court at a later date.

A 41 year old Albany resident was arrested by Officer Pete Lavin following a shoplifting complaint at Hannaford Supermarket. The defendant did pass all points of sale without paying for merchandise. During the course of the investigation the defendant was found to be in possession of a quantity of heroin. The defendant was charged with Petit Larceny and Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the Seventh Degree. The defendant was released on an appearance ticket set to appear in court at a later date.

A 58 year old Ballston Spa resident was arrested by Officer Nicholas Liuzzi following a shoplifting complaint at Walmart. The defendant did pass all points of sale without paying for merchandise. The defendant was charged with Petit Larceny, and was released on an appearance ticket to appear in court at a later date.

A 18 year old East Greenbush resident was arrested by Sergeant Trevor LaGrave following a shoplifting complaint at Walgreens. The defendant did pass all points of sale without paying for merchandise. The defendant was charged with Petit Larceny, and was released on an appearance ticket set to appear in court at a later date.

A 31 year old Albany resident was arrested by Officer Nicholas Liuzzi following a stolen vehicle investigation. The defendant did operate a vehicle that was reported stolen and had no permission from the owner of the vehicle to be operating the vehicle. The defendant was charged with Unauthorized Use of a Motor Vehicle in the Third Degree and Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the Seventh Degree. The defendant was released on an appearance ticket set to appear in court at a later date.

In relation to the above incident, a second 31 year old Albany resident was arrested by Officer Nicholas Liuzzi. The defendant was charged with Unauthorized Use of a Motor Vehicle in the Third Degree and Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the Seventh Degree. The defendant was wanted by the Saratoga County Sheriff's Office and was released to SCSO on an appearance ticket set to appear in court at a later date.

A 24 year old Rensselaer resident was arrested by Sergeant Trevor LaGrave following a traffic stop. The defendant was observed operating a motor vehicle in excess of the posted speed limit. A traffic stop was initiated on the defendant's vehicle and the defendant was administered Standardized Filed Sobriety Tests. The defendant was charged with DWI, Speed in Zone and Driving to the Left of Pavement Markings. The defendant was released on an appearance ticket to appear in court at a later date.

A 43 year old East Greenbush resident was arrested by Officer Josh Witko following a burglary investigation. The defendant did flee from officers in a vehicle and then enter and remain unlawfully in a residence with the intent to commit a crime. The defendant was charge with Burglary in the Second Degree, Criminal Mischief in the Fourth Degree, Obstructing Governmental Administration in the Second Degree, Aggravated Unlicensed Operation in the Third Degree, Reckless Driving, Unlawfully Fleeing, Failure to Obey a Police Officer and Speed Not Reasonable and Prudent. The defendant was arraigned in front of Judge Mocerine and was remanded to Rensselaer County Jail.

A 53 year old Waterford resident was arrested by Officer Bernadette Ellis following a harassment investigation. The defendant did harass the victim via telephone and did threaten the victim with physical harm. The defendant was charged with Aggravated Harassment in the Second Degree. The defendant was released on an appearance ticket to appear in court at a later date.

A 68 year old Albany resident was arrested by Officer Keith Millington following a menacing investigation. The defendant did threaten harm to the victim with a machete. The defendant was charged with Menacing in the Second Degree and Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the Third Degree. The defendant was arraigned in front of Judge Engel and was remanded to Rensselaer County Jail.

A 41 year old Saratoga Springs resident was arrested by Detective Sergeant Michael Guadagnino following a traffic offense investigation. The defendant did operate a motor vehicle with a suspended New York State Driver License. The defendant was charged with Aggravated Unlicensed Operation in the Third Degree, Unlicensed Operation of a Motor Vehicle and Failure to Use Designated Lane. The defendant was released on an appearance ticket to appear in court at a later date.

A 43 year old Albany resident was arrested by Officer Nicholas Liuzzi following an investigation into an unknown disturbance. The defendant did violated an active, full stay away order of protection by going to the protected party's motel room and banging on the door in an attempt to gain entry. The defendant was charged with Criminal Contempt in the Second Degree and Assault in the Second Degree. The defendant was arraigned in front of Judge Mocerine and was remanded to the Rensselaer County Jail.

A 62 year old Albany resident was arrested by Sergeant Trevor LaGrave following an harassment investigation. The defendant did push the victim, knocking him to the ground and breaking merchandise in the victim's store. When told he was under arrest, the defendant did resist officers' attempts to place him under arrest. The defendant was charged with Resisting Arrest, Criminal Mischief in the Fourth Degree and Harassment in the Second Degree. The defendant was arraigned in front of Judge Peter in Schodack Town Court and released on his own recognizance, set to appear in East Greenbush Town Court at a later date.

A 27 year old Rensselaer resident was arrested by Officer Keith Millington following a domestic incident investigation. The defendant did knock a phone out of the victim's hand while she attempted to contact emergency services and strike her in the chest. The defendant was charged with Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the Fourth Degree, Criminal Mischief in the Fourth Degree, Endangering the Welfare of a Child and Harassment in the Second Degree. The defendant was arraigned in Schodack Town Court and released on his own recognizance and is set to appear in East Greenbush Town Court at a later date.

A 36 year old East Greenbush resident was arrested by Officer Nicholas Liuzzi following an Assault investigation. The defendant did strike the victim in the face several times causing significant pain, redness and swelling. The defendant was charged with Assault in the Third Degree. The defendant was released on an appearance ticket set to appear in court at a later date.

A 28 year old West Sand Lake resident was arrested by Officer Nicholas Liuzzi following a criminal contempt investigation. The defendant did violate a full stay away order of protection by sending the victim an email. The defendant was charged with Criminal Contempt in the Second Degree. The defendant was arraigned in front of Judge Robichaud in North Greenbush Town Court and was released on his own recognizance to appear in East Greenbush Town Court at a later date.

A 22 year old Rensselaer resident was arrested by Officer Josh Witko following a criminal contempt investigation. The defendant did violate a full stay away order of protection by being near the victim. The defendant was charged with Criminal Contempt in the Second Degree. The defendant was arraigned in front of Judge Engel and released on his own recognizance to appear in court at a later date.

A 37 year old Rensselaer resident was arrested by Officer Keith Millington following a domestic incident investigation. The defendant did strike the victim and did prevent her from calling 911. The defendant was charged with Criminal Mischief in the Fourth Degree, Unlawful Imprisonment in the Second Degree, Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the Fourth Degree and Harassment in the Second Degree. The defendant was arraigned in front of Judge Engel and released on his own recognizance to appear in court at a later date.

A 22 year old Rensselaer resident was arrested by Officer Josh Witko following a criminal contempt investigation. The defendant did violate a full stay away order of protection by sending text messages to the victim. The defendant was charged with Criminal Contempt in the Second Degree. The defendant was arraigned in front of Judge Mocerine and remanded to Rensselaer County Jail on \$4000.00 bail.

4 individuals were assisted with a mental health crisis in the month of May, 2023.

The East Greenbush Police Department responded to 1812 calls for the month of May, 2023.