



Town of Wallkill Police Department

MEDIA RELEASE

For Immediate Release
July 7, 2020

Incident: Assault– One Arrest
Location: 190 Shaw Road, Town of Wallkill
Date/Time: July 4, 2020 / 11:52 pm

On Saturday, July 4, 2020 at approximately 11:52 pm, Police Officers Daniel Traum - Steinberg and Joseph Levy of the Town of Wallkill Police Department responded to a “Report of Propane Tank in a Bon Fire” at 190 Shaw Road. Upon arrival, Officers Traum -Steinberg and Levy, encountered the resident, Erik Holmgren, a 41 year-old male. Holmgren subsequently assaulted Officer Traum-Steinberg. Officer Traum-Steinberg deployed a Department issued Taser but it failed to subdue the defendant. The defendant then attempted to remove the Taser from Officer Traum-Steinberg while placing the officer in a choke hold. When Officer Levy came to the assistance of Officer Traum-Steinberg, the defendant attempted to remove Officer Levy’s duty issued firearm. The defendant was subsequently taken into custody and charged with Assault Second Degree, Attempted Grand Larceny Fourth Degree, Resisting Arrest, Harassment Second Degree, Strangulation Second Degree, and Obstructing Governmental Administration Second Degree. The defendant was arraigned before Town of Wallkill Judge Peter Green and was remanded to the Orange County Jail on \$5,000 bail / \$10,000 bond until his next court appearance on July 10, 2020 at 9:15 am in the Town of Wallkill Court. Officer Traum-Steinburg suffered a fractured leg. Officer Levy was treated for lacerations.

A criminal charge is merely an allegation by the police that a defendant has committed a violation of the criminal law, and it is not evidence of guilt. All defendants are presumed innocent and entitled to a fair trial, during which it will be the State of New York’s burden to prove guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

R. McLymore
Lieutenant