



# Town of Wallkill Police Department

## MEDIA RELEASE

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**For Immediate Release**  
**January 22, 2021**

**Incident: Results of Investigation into Allegation of Excessive Force Used by a Police Officer**

**Location: 707 East Main Street, Town of Wallkill, NY**

**Date/Time: November 5, 2020 / 2:37 am**

On Friday, January 15, 2021, this Department became aware of a social media post that depicted a police officer sweeping the legs from under a handcuffed suspect. A preliminary investigation by this Department identified Town of Wallkill Police Officer Daniel Traum-Steinberg as the officer involved in the incident. A subsequent investigation by the Orange County District Attorney's Office led the arrest of Daniel Traum-Steinberg for two counts of Assault Third Degree and one count of Official Misconduct. Traum-Steinberg was issued an appearance ticket and is scheduled to appear in Town of Wallkill Court at 9:00 am, on Wednesday, February 17, 2021.

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.

Robert C. Hertman  
Chief of Police

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