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### *Binghamton Man Charged for Fighting with Staff and Customers at Restaurant, Fighting with Sheriff's Deputies and Breaking Door at Sheriff's Office After Arrest*

(TOWN OF CHENANGO) A Binghamton man is facing multiple charges for a string of violence starting with an early morning fight with staff and customers at a restaurant before continued fighting with Sheriff's Deputies during and after his arrest.

On Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2023, around 4:10 am, Broome County Sheriff's Deputies responded to a disturbance at a restaurant on Upper Front Street in the Town of Chenango. Arriving patrols came upon a group of patrons and staff trying to restrain a combative and irate male on the ground. Deputies attempted to secure the male with handcuffs and were successful after a brief struggle.

The subsequent investigation revealed that Hamail R. Waddell, 25 years old of Binghamton, was a customer in the restaurant when he became irate about his food taking too long to be served. Waddell reportedly entered the kitchen of the restaurant and engaged in a verbal altercation with the staff and at one point claimed he was going to make his own food. Other patrons overhead the dispute and attempted to convince Waddell to leave the kitchen, at which point, he spit in a woman's face and punched at least two other people. The same patrons, along with staff, removed Waddell from the location and attempted to restrain him until deputies arrived.

Deputies advised Waddell that he was under arrest, but he refused to get into the patrol car. Following another brief struggle, Waddell was successfully placed in the patrol car, at which point he began kicking the car doors and repeatedly striking his head against the car window.

Waddell was transported to the Broome County Sheriff's office for processing, where he continued to be irate, aggressive, and combative, kicking an emergency fire door inside the Sheriff's Office, breaking a handle off the door. Waddell then stated that his head hurt and EMS personnel were summoned. Waddell was transported to Wilson Hospital in an ambulance for evaluation, but due to his continued combative behavior, had to be restrained via handcuffs during transport.

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Once at Wilson Hospital, Waddell continued his behavior, berating and verbally harassing other patients, some elderly, using obscene and abusive language, even after being told to stop numerous times by hospital staff, hospital security and Sheriff's deputies. Hospital staff and medical personnel eventually had to sedate Waddell in order to conduct a CAT scan and provide medical care.

Late in the afternoon on October 29<sup>th</sup>, Waddell was released from the hospital and taken to Central Arraignment for the following charges:

- Criminal Mischief in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree, a Class E Felony
- Obstructing Governmental Administration in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree, a Class A Misdemeanor
- Disorderly Conduct - Fighting in Public Place, a Violation
- Harassment in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree - Physical Contact, a Violation

Waddell remains in custody while awaiting arraignment later this evening.

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