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Off Duty Officer Captures Armed Suspect

Gun Incident Inside Local Barber Shop Leads to Arrest

Beacon, NY – An off-duty correction officer caught an armed suspect who threatened employees of a local barbershop.

The incident occurred on Friday, October 7, 2017 at approximately 12:30 PM. Officer Jason Grasso, a 7 year veteran, was on Main Street in Beacon when he heard a disturbance behind the Beacon Post Office.

He then observed several people chasing a man towards his direction. Officer Grasso recognized one of the men chasing the suspect as his barber, who yelled to him that the person they were chasing had a gun and had tried to rob the barbershop. Officer Grasso stepped into the road and confronted the suspect as he came near. He ordered the suspect to show his hands but he refused. The officer identified himself to the suspect and drew his personal handgun and ordered the suspect to show his hands. The suspect complied and got on the ground when the officer ordered him to. He held the suspect, later identified as Kyle-Ray Stuyvesant, until local police arrived.

Officers recovered a loaded 9MM handgun near the scene of the incident.

The suspect was taken into custody and charged with Criminal Possession of a Weapon 2nd, Criminal Use of Weapon 2nd and Menacing 2nd. He was arraigned in City Court and remanded to Dutchess County Jail.

"New York State correction officers job to protect our community doesn't end when their work shift is over. They are sworn peace officers, most of whom will put their lives on the line even after they take their uniforms off. We are lucky to have members like Officer Grasso and many others who go above and beyond their duty. His quick actions, in the face of an armed gunman, exceeded anyone's expectations and we are very proud of him", stated Mike Mazzella, Mid-Hudson Region Vice President.