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TO: Press Sources

DATE/TIME OF INCIDENT: October 23, 2010 9:17 AM

LOCATION: 29 Quaker Hill Drive, Town of Hyde Park

INCIDENT: Hyde Park Police respond for domestic dispute; Taser deployed to subdue violent suspect

On Saturday morning at app. 9:17 AM, Hyde Park Police were dispatched to 29 Quaker Hill Drive, for a report of a violent domestic dispute. The caller stated that a male subject in the residence, with a history of violence, had just attacked another male and a female at that address, and was now outside.

Hyde Park Police Officer Jason Ruscillo arrived on scene; he was immediately approached by the suspect, later identified as 37-year-old Jeffrey Vansteenburgh, who was waiting on the front porch. Officer Ruscillo was familiar with the suspect from previous police contact, and attempted to speak with him; Vansteenburgh told the officer that he was off his medication, and stated "I am warning you not to come near me". The suspect continued to act in a very confrontational manner, clenching both fists and approaching Officer Ruscillo; he continually refused to comply with the officer's orders, yelled "Go ahead, shoot me!", and then stated he was leaving and began to approach a waiting vehicle. Vansteenburgh was then subdued by Officer Ruscillo with the use of a Taser, and was placed into custody.

After the suspect was secured, officers spoke to the family, who advised that they awoke that morning to hear the suspect verbally abusing his mother; when he was approached, he allegedly grabbed his sister, pulled her hair and struck her in the face causing her lip to bleed. Vansteenburgh then is alleged to have thrown his brother-in-law against the wall, causing his necklace to break and scratch his neck. The brother-in-law's right ear was also bleeding from the incident. Photographs of the damage and injuries were taken at the scene.

While being booked at Hyde Park PD on an assortment of charges, Vansteenburgh was handcuffed to a bench in the booking area (standard procedure); he attempted to break the handcuffs with such force that he bent the handcuffs, rendering them inoperable for future use. He was not able to break free from the bench, and the booking procedure was completed. He was transported to Hyde Park Town Court and arraigned before the Hon. Judge Steinberg; Vansteenburgh was ordered to undergo an immediate mental health evaluation at St. Francis Hospital, where he was transported at the conclusion of the arraignment. He is due back in Hyde Park Town Court tomorrow (10/26).

Arrested: Jeffrey C. Vansteenburgh, 37, of 905 North Quaker Lane, Hyde Park

Charges: Criminal Mischief 4th, a Class A Misdemeanor
Resisting Arrest, a Class A Misdemeanor
Attempted Assault 3rd Degree, a Class B Misdemeanor (2 counts)

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