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TO: Press Sources

DATE OF INCIDENT: August 2, 2011 5:00 AM

LOCATION: 98 E. Market St., Town of Hyde Park

INCIDENT: Police arrest subject on multiple charges after break-in attempt of occupied apartment

Yesterday morning at app. 5 AM, Hyde Park Police responded to 98 E. Market St., Building B, for a report of a woman screaming “help” and “fire”; Sgt. Dean Robinson and Officer Sean Phillips arrived to find a female running towards them, yelling that a male had just attempted to break into her apartment. Officers secured the scene, and their investigation revealed the following:

The female subject had been sleeping, and was awakened by the box fan in the window having been pushed in from the outside and falling to the floor; she stated the suspect then attempted to gain access to her apartment through the front door, tearing the screen out of the screen door in the process. The female stated her cell phone was in her vehicle, so she went back to the window and began to scream for help; at which time the male suspect came back to the window, and punched the female in the face through the window screen. The female told police that the chain lock on the front door held in place, which prevented the suspect from gaining entry into the apartment. The victim told police she believed the suspect may reside in one of the other apartments; officers learned of his whereabouts, and took him into custody at app. 5:35 AM.

The suspect, identified as 45-year-old Phillip Simmons of Hyde Park, was booked at HPPD and charged with several offenses; he was arraigned before the Hon. Judge Steinberg and remanded to the Dutchess County Jail without bail. He is scheduled to reappear in Hyde Park Town Court tomorrow.

Arrested: Phillip D. Simmons, 45, of 98 E. Market St., Hyde Park

Charges: Attempted Burglary 2nd Degree, a Class D Felony
Criminal Mischief 4th Degree, a Class A Misdemeanor
Assault 3rd Degree, a Class A Misdemeanor

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