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TO: Press Sources

DATE OF INCIDENT: September 25, 2011

LOCATION: East Dorsey Lane, Town of Hyde Park

INCIDENT: Police charge man with burglary, assault charges; investigation continues

Last night at app. 9:40 PM, Hyde Park Police responded to an apartment building on Albany Post Road, after a subject who resides there stated that several subjects had forced their way into his apartment and assaulted him. Officers arrived at the scene and interviewed the victim, who stated that another tenant in the building had previously accused the victim of stealing items from him some time ago. The victim told police that he had no knowledge of the suspect's accusations, and was home in his apartment with his girlfriend at the time of the incident.

The victim further stated that he heard a knock at the door, and when he opened the door, the suspect and two other subjects forced their way into the apartment, and the suspect punched the victim in the face, which caused the victim to fall backwards into the wall. The victim suffered injuries to his face, and items fell from the wall and broke when they struck the floor. The suspects then fled the apartment on foot.

Officers identified the suspect who punched the victim as 28-year-old Joel Kaiser of Hyde Park; he was located approximately one hour later by Hyde Park Police and was taken into custody. Kaiser was booked at Police HQ and was arraigned during the early morning hours today in Hyde Park Town Court, before the Hon. Judge Steinberg; he was remanded to the Dutchess County Jail on \$10,000 cash / \$20,000 bond. Kaiser is scheduled to reappear on Thursday in Hyde Park Town Court. The investigation into this incident is continuing, and police are not ruling out further arrests.

Arrested: Joel M. Kaiser, 28, of Hyde Park

Charges: Burglary 1st Degree, a Class B Felony
Conspiracy 4th Degree, a Class E Felony
Assault 3rd Degree, a Class A Misdemeanor
Obstructing Governmental Administration 2nd Degree, a Class A Misdemeanor

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