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TO: Press Sources

DATE OF INCIDENT: December 15, 2011 2:02 PM

LOCATION: 154 South Cross Road, Town of Hyde Park

INCIDENT: Suspect in custody after felony drugs found, assault on officer

On Thursday afternoon just after 2PM, Hyde Park Police Officer Martin Monaco, the school resource officer at FDR High School, had developed information that a student was possibly in possession of a quantity of heroin. Officer Monaco arranged for the student to be brought to an assistant principal's office for further investigation.

Upon the student's arrival at the office, the student became enraged and refused to follow any instructions from either the officer or school officials; he was later identified as 18-year-old Sequam Olahn Storts of Hyde Park. Storts then jumped on top of the desk in the office and began to kick items off of the desk, breaking a number of them; he then picked up a coffee cup from the desk and threw it at Officer Monaco's head, narrowly missing him. Storts then broke the window blinds and opened an office window, and began to climb out of it; he was tackled by Officer Monaco and a violent struggle ensued. During the struggle, Storts bit Officer Monaco on the top of his right hand, breaking the skin and causing bleeding and swelling; the suspect was eventually subdued and placed into custody by Officer Monaco.

Subsequent to Storts' arrest, he was found in possession of ninety-one (91) glassine envelopes, all of which contained a substance that field-tested positive for the presence of heroin. Storts was also found in possession of a small amount of cash, and a box cutter utility knife.

Storts was transported to Hyde Park Police HQ, where he was booked on a number of charges; he was arraigned late yesterday afternoon in Hyde Park Town Court, before the Hon. Judge David Steinberg. Storts was remanded to the Dutchess County Jail on \$25,000 cash / bond, with a scheduled return date of 12/21 in Hyde Park Town Court. Officer Monaco was treated at St. Francis Hospital for injuries to his right hand and right knee.

Arrested: Sequam Olahn Storts, 18, of 19 West Market St., Apt. 2, Hyde Park

Charges: Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance 3rd Degree, a Class B Felony
Assault 2nd Degree, a Class D Felony
Attempted Assault 2nd Degree, a Class E Felony
Criminal Mischief 4th Degree, a Class A Misdemeanor
Resisting Arrest, a Class A Misdemeanor

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