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Syracuse Man Charged with Assaulting Off Duty Deputy

City of Syracuse, New York – The Onondaga County Sheriff's Office reports that a Syracuse man has been charged in connection with an assault on a deputy that occurred last night in the parking lot of the Oncenter in the City of Syracuse.

On September 20, 2022, approximately 11:30 P.M., two Sheriff's Deputies who just finished their shifts at the Justice Center, were walking in the parking lot on the Oncenter when a homeless Syracuse man approached them in an aggressive manner while armed with a folding hand saw and a folding metal stool. As the deputies identified themselves, the suspect began to intentionally damaged one of the deputies' personal vehicles with the stool. While damaging the vehicle, the deputies attempted to take the suspect into custody when the suspect cut one of the deputies across the face with the folding saw. The suspect was eventually taken into custody and identified as 45-year-old Joseph Peters.



The 28-year-old deputy that was assaulted, sustained a large laceration to his face and was transported to Upstate University Hospital for medical treatment. He has since been released. Deputies charged Peters with assault in the 2nd degree, criminal possession of a weapon in the 3rd degree and criminal mischief in the 3rd degree.

Peters is being held at the Justice Center and is scheduled to be arraigned sometime this morning.

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