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File #: 24-31552

Call Type: Criminal Mischief/Contempt of Court

Date: 10/06/2024

Time: 10:54 PM

On October 6th, 2024, at about 10:54 PM, members of the Guttenberg Police Department's Patrol Division responded to the Galaxy Towers after receiving a report of fire alarms activated. Once officers arrived on the scene, they were informed by members of the North Hudson Regional Fire and Rescue that there was a partially dressed male running from the 26th floor to the 20th floor, behaving erratically. Officers made their way to the 26th floor and heard loud screaming and banging, which led them to the 20th floor. They then observed 34-year-old Alfredo Gonzalez of Guttenberg, NJ, striking, pulling, and hanging on to a fire panel in a stairwell. Later, they also observed damage to walls in the common areas of the apartment complex. Officers immediately prioritized Mr. Gonzalez's health and well-being, and monitored him until he was able to receive the appropriate medical assistance. As a result of this incident, Mr. Gonzalez was transported to a local hospital for a mental health evaluation.

Following this call for service, the Guttenberg Police Department's Criminal Investigations Bureau received information pertaining to the damage Mr. Gonzalez caused throughout the property, which was estimated to be about \$3,921.66. As a result of this investigation, on October 28th, 2024, Mr. Gonzalez was charged with criminal mischief [2C:17-3A(1)], a third-degree crime. Mr. Gonzalez was also charged with contempt of court [2C:29-9A], a fourth-degree crime, as the result of a pre-trial release order prohibiting Mr. Gonzalez from engaging in any additional criminal activity following his two previous arrests for numerous crimes. On November 5th, 2024, Mr. Gonzalez was arrested on the active complaint warrant and transported to the Guttenberg Police Department for his arrest processing. Upon the completion of his arrest processing, Mr. Gonzalez was issued his complaint warrant and lodged in the Hudson County Correctional Center.

If anyone has any information pertaining to this incident, they are encouraged to contact the Guttenberg Police Department at (201) 868-3300 or email our Criminal Investigations Bureau:

1. Lt. Steven Diaz - sdiaz@guttenbergpolice.org
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The charges above are merely accusations. Every defendant is presumed innocent unless, and until, proven guilty in a court of law.

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