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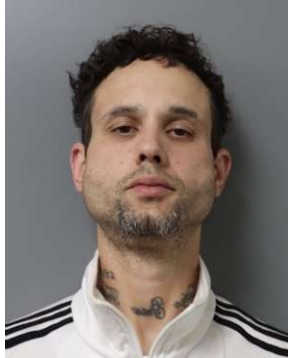
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Charges:

Robbery 1 st degree	1 Count	Class B Felony
Robbery 2 nd degree	1 Count	Class C Felony
Assault 2 nd degree	1 Count	Class D Felony
Criminal Mischief 3 rd degree	1 Count	Class E Felony
Petit Larceny	1 Count	Class A Misdemeanor
Resisting Arrest	1 Count	Class A Misdemeanor

Arrested:

Franz, Justin Q (Age 43)
Mechanicville

On Tuesday evening, July 4, 2023, at about 9:50 pm, Mechanicville Police were called to the Lukoil at the intersection of William St. and N. Main St. for a robbery in progress. When patrols arrived, they found a victim with head and body injuries resulting from being physically attacked by a male suspect. During the attack, the suspect, later identified as **Justin Franz**, is alleged to have also displayed an object resembling a handgun, pressing it against the attendant while threatening his life and demanding money. **Franz** then stole property and fled the store on foot. Officers briefly encountered **Franz** on Francis St., after which he jumped into the Anthony Kill and continued flight. Officers from the Stillwater PD, Saratoga County Sheriff's Office, and the NYSP assisted in the subsequent identification and continuing search for **Franz**, who was located and taken into custody just after midnight at the J. S. Moore Homes on Harris Ave. **Franz** was arraigned in Mechanicville City Court on the above-listed charges and remanded to the Saratoga County Jail in lieu of bail pending further court action.

Franz was previously arrested by Mechanicville Police in November 2013 for a robbery at then Rite Aid, where he threatened a gun before stealing prescription medications.

The Mechanicville Police Department recognizes that persons arrested for crimes are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law. People reviewing these arrests should understand that an arrest is often the first step of many in the criminal justice process.

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