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## **PRESS RELEASE** *For immediate release*

### **ALLEDGED TACO BELL ROBBER ARRESTED AGAIN, TWICE IN ONE NIGHT**

On Tuesday, February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Watervliet resident **PAUL E. ROSTICK III**, age **34**, was arrested by the Colonie Police Department for allegedly committing a strong-arm robbery of the Taco Bell located on Loudon Road in Latham, NY. **ROSTICK** was charged by Colonie Police Department with Robbery 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree, Criminal Mischief 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree, and Petit Larceny. He was arraigned at that time and released under the supervision of Albany County Probation.

On Wednesday, February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 6:25 PM, **ROSTICK** was charged with Trespass after entering the Black Bear Inn Bar and Restaurant in the City of Watervliet, despite having been previously banned from the establishment for repeatedly displaying violent and disruptive behavior inside. When confronted by management and asked to leave, **ROSTICK** started to act erratically and began to scream while pushing other patrons. **ROSTICK** was forcibly removed from the establishment and arrested by Watervliet Police Officers. **ROSTICK** was processed and due to a non-qualifying offense being charged, he was released by Watervliet Police on an appearance ticket.

Only a few hours after being released from WPD custody, **ROSTICK** returned to the Black Bear Inn - now possessing a baseball bat. **ROSTICK** again unlawfully entered the establishment, this time with the intent to assault patrons and staff. Once inside **ROSTICK** allegedly harassed and threatened patrons and staff. **ROSTICK** was again forcibly removed from the Black Bear Inn, arrested, and transported to Watervliet PD Headquarters. During the booking process, **ROSTICK** was extremely uncooperative and volatile with officers. He proceeded to kick partitions in the booking area and spit at officers while being processed. **ROSTICK** also threatened to kill an on-duty Police Sergeant upon his imminent release.

**ROSTICK** was charged and arraigned in Watervliet City Court on the charges of **Trespass**, **Criminal Possession of a Weapon 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree**, and **Harassment 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree**. Again, due to non-qualifying offenses being charged, **ROSTICK** was released under the supervision of probation. Following his second release from custody, Watervliet Police received two additional calls for service regarding **ROSTICK** throughout the early morning hours - all of which did not result in enforcement action. Of note: **ROSTICK** was previously charged with Robbery by Watervliet Police detectives on 12/5/2019 for an incident that occurred at a local Stewarts Shop. **ROSTICK** was sentenced to 2-years probation for that crime.



**PAUL E. ROSTICK III**  
*34 years-old*



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