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Town of Union Man Charged with Felony After Destroying Chair and Door Handle While in Custody on a Separate Charge

(TOWN OF DICKINSON, NY) A Town of Union man is facing a felony charge after destroying an interview room chair and door handle while in custody at the Broome County Sheriff's Office.

Link to video: <https://youtu.be/n3od2dIfR0E>

On Saturday April 20, 2024, Masai Andrews, age 41 of Endicott, NY, was arrested and charged with Obstructing Governmental Administration following the "Smoke Weed Outside the Binghamton Police Station" event after intentionally interfering with deputies attempting to take an individual into custody.

While in custody at the Broome County Sheriff's Office, Andrews was placed in an interview room and, as part of standard procedure, one of his hands were secured to the wall via handcuff. A short time later, Andrews laid on the floor of the interview and utilized a chair provided to attempt to pry on the handcuff attached to the wall. Andrews attempts to pry the handcuff bent and broke the leg of the chair, rendering the chair unusable.

Shortly thereafter, Andrews asked deputies for an ambulance to evaluate his wrist where it was handcuffed, claiming he had an abrasion from the cuffs being too tight, failing to mention that he was using the chair as a prying leverage on the handcuff he was affixed to. EMS personnel responded to evaluate Andrews, but Andrews refused any kind of medical treatment.

A short time later, with the handcuffs now off, Andrews laid on the floor of the interview room and kicked the interior handle of the interview room door, shearing it off and rendering it destroyed and inoperative.

Following an investigation, which included a review of the security camera footage, the damaged chair and destroyed door, a Warrant was issued for Andrews for Criminal Mischief in

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the 3rd Degree, a Class E Felony.

On Tuesday, April 23, 2024, Andrews was taken into custody without incident when he turned himself in at the Sheriff's Correctional Facility Visitation Lobby. Andrews was processed on the charge and remains in custody awaiting Central Arraignment this evening.

“This is an example of needlessly destructive behavior by a grown man,” said Sheriff Fred Akshar. “Our law enforcement team made every effort to process Mr. Andrews efficiently and without incident, but his destructive behavior exacerbated a minor offense into a felony charge.”

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