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HYDE PARK MAN ARRAIGNED ON INDICTMENTS

Dutchess County District Attorney Anthony Parisi announces today that Daniel Smith, 40, was charged by two Indictments returned by a Dutchess County Grand Jury and arraigned in Dutchess County Court. Today, Mr. Smith was arraigned on a 15 count Indictment charging 4 counts of Predatory Sexual Assault, Class A-II Felonies, 4 counts of Rape in the First Degree, Class B Felonies, 2 counts of Aggravated Sexual Abuse in the Third Degree, Class D Felonies, 1 count of Sexual Abuse in the First Degree, a Class D Felony, 2 counts of Assault in the Third Degree, Class A Misdemeanors, 1 count of Criminal Obstruction of Breathing, a Class A Misdemeanor, and 1 count of Tampering with a Witness in the Fourth Degree, a Class A misdemeanor. Daniel Smith was previously arraigned March 27, 2026, on an Indictment charging Assault in the Second Degree, a Class B Felony.

District Attorney Anthony Parisi said, “Today’s arraignment lays out deeply troubling allegations of repeated sexual violence, including multiple counts of Predatory Sexual Assault and Rape in the First Degree. The charges in the indictment further allege conduct that reflects not only the severity of the abuse, but efforts to exert control, silence the victim, and evade accountability. These cases are among the most serious we prosecute, and they require a careful, victim-centered approach that recognizes both the trauma involved and the courage it takes to come forward. Our Office remains steadfast in its commitment to seeking justice, ensuring that the victim is supported and protected while we pursue this case with the full weight of the law.”

The incidents charged in the 15 count Indictment are alleged to have occurred on several dates in March 2026 in the Town of Hyde Park. The incident in the one count Indictment is alleged to have occurred on March 24, 2026, in the City of Poughkeepsie.

The case was investigated by the Hyde Park Police Department and is being prosecuted by Senior Assistant District Attorney James Bryant. Judge Jessica Segal presided over the cases. On March 27th, the defendant’s bail was set at \$500,000 cash, \$1 million partially secured bond and \$1.5 million unsecured bond. Bail was set today at \$500,000 cash, \$1 million partially secured bond and \$1.5 million unsecured bond. The defendant’s next court date for both matters is set for April 30th.

As with any criminal case, the charges described above are merely accusations, and Mr. Smith is presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

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