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## **POUGHKEEPSIE MAN ARRAIGNED ON AN INDICTMENT CHARGING TWO COUNTS OF CRIMINAL POSSESSION OF A WEAPON AND RECKLESS ENDANGERMENT**

Dutchess County District Attorney Anthony Parisi announced today that Michal Herman, 23, of Poughkeepsie was indicted by a Dutchess County Grand Jury on charges of two counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the Second Degree, both Class C Violent Felonies and one count of Reckless Endangerment in the First Degree, a Class D Felony.

District Attorney Anthony Parisi said, "The allegations contained in this indictment describe an extraordinarily dangerous act of gun violence that endangered not only the intended victims, but everyone who was in the vicinity that evening. Allegedly firing multiple rounds on a public street in the City of Poughkeepsie demonstrates a complete disregard for human life and the safety of our community. Through our participation in New York State's Gun Involved Violence Elimination (GIVE) Initiative, we continue to work collaboratively with our law enforcement partners using intelligence-driven enforcement strategies to identify, investigate, and prosecute those responsible for violent crimes. Every illegal firearm and every act of gun violence we remove from our streets makes our community safer."

The indictment alleges that on September 14, 2025, at approximately 9:41 p.m., in the vicinity of 447 Main Street in the City of Poughkeepsie, Herman pointed a loaded firearm at two individuals standing across the street and discharged at least four rounds towards the individuals. The incident was allegedly captured on video surveillance and investigators recovered shell casings from the roadway where the shooting allegedly occurred, as well as one shell casing from an apartment located across the street.

The investigation was conducted by the City of Poughkeepsie Police Department. The case is being prosecuted by Griffin Kenyon, Unit Chief of Smart Prosecutions, Strategic Intelligence and Violence Elimination Unit and Michael Viviano, Deputy Unit Chief of the Major Crimes Unit. The Honorable Jessica Segal set bail in the amount of \$250,000 cash, \$500,000 bond, \$1,000,000 partially secured bond and adjourned the matter to August 13, 2026, for conference.

This prosecution is part of the Gun Involved Violence Elimination (GIVE) Initiative, a collaborative effort among law enforcement agencies and prosecutors to reduce firearm-related violence. The Dutchess County District Attorney's Office remains committed to working with its GIVE partners to investigate, prosecute, and prevent gun violence throughout the City of Poughkeepsie and Dutchess County.

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