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Harpursville Man Charged with 27 Counts of Child Endangerment After School Bus Incident

(TOWN OF COLESVILLE) A Harpursville father is facing 27 counts of Endangering the Welfare of a Child after entering a school bus, screaming and threatening seated students whom he alleges bullied his children.

On Thursday, October 12th, 2023, around 3:00 pm, Broome County Sheriff's Deputies responded to Cumber Rd. in the Town of Colesville for an adult male causing a disturbance on a school bus.

According to witnesses and video of the incident, Devyn I. Wilcox, age 35, of Harpursville entered a stopped Harpursville School District bus and began yelling, screaming, swearing and threatening juveniles on the school bus regarding an incident of alleged bullying incident. The male singled out two students and entered their bus seats to yell at them. The bus was occupied by nearly 30 students, ranging from elementary school to high school ages. The male's course of conduct continued for nearly 5 minutes before he exited the bus and left the area.

The subsequent investigation revealed that Wilcox entered the bus in an effort to confront juveniles he alleges were bullying his children. Wilcox was taken into custody without incident at his residence shortly after patrols arrived on scene and charged with:

- Endangering the Welfare of a Child (27 counts), Class A Misdemeanors
- Disorderly Conduct, a Violation

Wilcox was processed at the Broome County Sheriff's Correctional Facility and released on appearance tickets for the Town of Colesville Court at a later date.

After Wilcox was taken into custody, the school bus returned to W.A. Olmstead Elementary, where the school district arranged for reunification between all student passengers and parents.

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“As a father, I fully recognize the deep-seeded instinct to want to protect your children, but this individual’s conduct was completely inappropriate, dangerous and just plain wrong,” said Sheriff Fred Akshar. “I urge all parents who suspect that their children are victims of bullying to do the right thing and work with their school districts to make sure the appropriate measures are taken to end it.”

This is an ongoing investigation.

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