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<u>Johnson City Man Charged After Dispute with Hatchet at Starbucks</u>

(TOWN OF DICKINSON, NY) A Johnson City man was charged with Menacing and Reckless Endangerment after striking a man with his vehicle and threatening him with a hatchet in the parking lot of a Starbucks in the Town of Dickinson.

On Sunday, February 11, 2024, at around 8:34 AM, Sheriff's deputies responded to a report of a fight between two males with weapons at a Starbucks located at 904 Upper Front St in the Town of Dickinson. Upon arrival, responding deputies found that the two men had been separated, and began the investigation.

The investigation revealed that Daniel D. Ackley, age 59 of Johnson City, had been following a truck that he suspected was tailgating his wife on Airport Rd and Smith Hill Rd earlier that morning. He proceeded to follow the truck to the Starbucks on Upper Front Street.

As the driver of the truck began placing an order at the drive-thru, witnesses reported that Ackley pulled up beside the vehicle on the passenger side and began yelling at the driver for tailgating his wife and threatened him with a hatchet. The driver then proceeded to the window to pick up his order and Ackley followed, pulling up next to him, continuing to yell and threatening decapitation. Starbucks staff members then advised the driver to pull around front and come inside the store to get away from Ackley.

The driver of the truck then pulled to the front parking lot of the Starbucks and exited his vehicle holding a hammer. Ackley pulled around, accelerated and struck the victim in the leg with his vehicle. The victim was then able to retreat inside while Ackley remained in the parking lot.

Following the investigation, which included collecting multiple written statements from witnesses, Daniel D. Ackley was arrested without incident and charged with the following:

General Information: (607) 778-1911

- Menacing in the 2nd Degree (With A Weapon), a Class A Misdemeanor
- Reckless Endangerment in the 2nd Degree, a Class A Misdemeanor

Ackley was processed and released on an appearance ticket to answer for his charges at the Town of Dickinson Court at a later date.

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