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Wanted Kirkwood Sex Offender Successfully in Custody Following Standoff with Broome County Sheriffs in Endwell

(ENDWELL, NY) A Kirkwood man is facing felony charges following a standoff with members of the Broome County Sheriff's Office Warrants and SWAT divisions in Endwell.

On Tuesday, March 24, 2026 at around 10:00 AM, members of the Broome County Sheriff's Office Warrants Division conducted a warrant execution at Marian Apartments, located at 701 Hooper Rd in Endwell, NY. The Warrants Division members had successfully located the subject of the warrant, Paul Stuart II, age 47 of Kirkwood, NY, who had been sought by law enforcement on an outstanding warrant for Failure to Register as a Sex Offender.

Upon making contact with BCSO deputies, Stuart allegedly locked the door and barricaded himself in the room, refusing to come out and brandishing a handgun. A resident of Marian Apartments was also present in the apartment with Stuart throughout the standoff.

The Broome County Sheriff's Office and members of the New York State Police then secured the immediate area around the apartment as well as the apartment building, evacuated all residents in nearby apartments to other parts of the Marian building and closing off a portion of Hooper Rd at Farm to Market Rd to traffic. BCSO members also remained in contact with Union-Endicott and Maine-Endwell school districts, along with nearby daycare centers to keep them informed as the situation developed.

Southern Tier SWAT was deployed to the location and a BCSO deputy, along with BCSO and Vestal Police negotiators spoke with Stuart for nearly an hour before he surrendered peacefully.

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Paul Stuart II was taken into custody without further incident and following a full investigation, was charged with the following:

- Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree, a Class C Felony
- Menacing a Police Officer, a Class D Felony
- Obstructing Governmental Administration in the 2nd Degree, a Class A Misdemeanor

“Excellent work by our men and women of law enforcement today as they brought a swift, peaceful and effective resolution to a volatile and potentially dangerous situation,” said Sheriff Fred Akshar. “I could not be prouder of the coordination between our law enforcement agencies, our communication and cooperation with our local school districts, and the skill our BCSO team displayed in efficiently and effectively carrying out this operation. Our thanks also goes out to the SEPP staff and residents at Marian Apartments for their cooperation and assistance during this tense situation. Our deputies took every precaution to ensure the safety of our community’s residents, and their hard work once again resulted in the best of all possible outcomes.”

The Broome County Sheriff’s Office was assisted by the New York State Police, Endicott Police Department, Vestal Police and Southern Tier SWAT in this investigation.

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