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Two Arrested Following Broome County Legislative Session Disturbance

(BINGHAMTON, NY) Two individuals from Binghamton are facing multiple charges following a disturbance that unfolded during a legislative session in the Broome County Legislative Chambers at the Broome County Office Building in Binghamton.

On Thursday, July 16, 2026 at around 5:00 PM, multiple individuals proceeded to continuously interrupt the legislative session by yelling, screaming, and using foul language.

Due to their disruptive behavior, several individuals were escorted out of the chambers and subsequently out of the Broome County Office Building. During the removal of these individuals, a woman and a man were taken into custody and charged.

Salka Valerio, age 41 yrs old of Binghamton, NY, caused a disturbance during the meeting and refused to leave the chambers. Valerio refused to exit her seat and resisted arrest while Broome County Sheriff's Deputies attempted to place her under arrest for Obstructing Government Administration.

Additionally, Valerio spit on another person while being removed from the chambers and used abusive and foul language. Numerous other individuals who were removed from the meeting also attempted, unsuccessfully, to prevent Deputies and Security Officers from removing Valerio.

Valerio was transported to the Sheriff's Office where she was charged with Disorderly Conduct, a Violation, Obstructing Governmental Administration in the 2nd Degree, a Class A Misdemeanor, and Resisting Arrest, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Valerio was released on an appearance ticket returnable to the City of Binghamton Court at a later date.

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Brian Mcpeek, age 59 of Binghamton, NY, was also taken into custody by officers from the Broome County Security Division after causing a disturbance during the session and refusing to exit the chambers. Mcpeek was transported to the Sheriff's Office where he was charged with Disorderly Conduct, a Violation and Obstructing Governmental Administration in the 2nd Degree, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Mcpeek was also released on an appearance ticket, returnable to the City of Binghamton Court at a later date.

Members of the Broome County Security Division and Broome County Sheriff's Office were present during the meeting and removed approximately twenty (20) disruptive individuals.

"The vast majority of our community members and leaders are working hard and working together every day to help solve the very real problems our communities face to help keep our families safe," said Sheriff Fred Akshar. "Unfortunately, a small number of individuals chose to spend their time disrupting, threatening, and shouting down those doing the work rather than engaging in meaningful dialogue. Thankfully, the work continues, and I'm proud of our deputies and members of Broome Security for peacefully handling this situation and allowing last night's session to move forward."