ROCKLAND COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY ANNOUNCES ARRAIGNMENT OF ISAAC E. CATEDRAL ON INDICTMENT CHARGING AGGRAVATED ATTEMPTED MURDER OF A POLICE OFFICER

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NEW CITY, N.Y. – Rockland County District Attorney Thomas E. Walsh, II announces that Isaac E. Catedral, 24, of Haverstraw, New York, was arraigned on November 6, 2026, before the Honorable Judge David M. Ascher in the County Court of Rockland County on an indictment charging him with Attempted Aggravated Murder, Burglary in the First Degree, Attempted Assault in the First Degree, Assault in the Second Degree (four counts), Reckless Endangerment in the First Degree, Resisting Arrest, Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the Seventh Degree, Criminal Mischief in the Fourth Degree (two counts), and Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the Fourth Degree (two counts). The defendant was remanded without bail pending his next court appearance on December 8, 2026.

On October 23, 2026, defendant is accused of entering a residence in Haverstraw, New York while armed with a knife after repeatedly striking the front door and screaming at the occupants inside. Defendant subsequently fled the residence in a motor vehicle, and in the course of his flight struck and drove over a police officer of the Town of Haverstraw Police Department at the intersection of Sharp Street and Prospect Street. Defendant then accelerated away from the injured police officer and caused a high-speed pursuit through Rockland County, during which he frequently and recklessly veered into oncoming traffic, reaching speeds of over eighty (80) miles per hour before ultimately turning onto Route 9W northbound and colliding head-on while driving in the lane of oncoming traffic with a patrol vehicle driven by two further police officers of the Town of Haverstraw Police Department, as well as colliding with the vehicles of nearby motorists. Upon arrival of the arresting officers, defendant was observed behind the wheel of the vehicle and was the sole occupant inside.

All victims were taken to local hospitals. The police officer struck and driven over by defendant's vehicle sustained significant physical injuries and the two further police officers sustained physical injuries from defendant's head-on collision with their patrol vehicle.

This investigation is being conducted by the Town of Haverstraw Police Department and remains an ongoing investigation.

This case is being prosecuted by Executive Assistant District Attorney Edward Barrett and Senior Assistant District Attorney Sean Burke.

It should be noted that a criminal complaint is merely an accusation, and that a defendant should be presumed innocent until proven guilty.