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Dover Man Charged with Resisting Arrest and Offensive Touching of a Probation Officer

Dover, DE — On Wednesday, April 25, 2018, a Dover man was charged with resisting arrest and offensive touching of a Probation and Parole Officer.

Probation Officers were conducting an office visit at approximately 4:40 p.m. when David Paitsel, 36, needed to be transported to Kent General Hospital for a medical issue. To ensure the safety of the offender, Probation and Parole Officers rode in the ambulance alongside EMT staff. As Paitsel was being asked questions by medical personnel, he became agitated and combative. Mr. Paitsel lunged forward out of the stretcher and attempted to choke himself with his hands as well as cords attached to medical machines. The officers were able to restrain him and maintain his safety until the ambulance arrived at the hospital.

After arriving at the hospital, Mr. Paitsel again became aggressive and needed to be restrained in order to be examined by a doctor. During his outburst, the offender caused minor injuries to one of the probation officers. After being cleared by physicians, Paitsel was transported to James T. Vaughn Correctional Center in Smyrna.

The Probation Officer was treated and released from KGH for minor injuries received during the altercation.

Paitsel was serving two years of Level 3 Probation for two counts of aggravated menacing, assault 2nd, and attempted robbery 1st.

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If you are a crime victim in need of assistance, you are encouraged to call DOC Victim Services at 302.857.5440.