



Town of Wallkill Police Department

MEDIA RELEASE

For Immediate Release
January 28, 2022

Incident: One Arrest – Criminal Possession of a Firearm
Location: Whispers Cocktail Lounge, 428 North Street, Town of Wallkill, NY
Date/Time: January 26, 2022/ 5:30 pm

On Sunday, December 12, 2021 at approximately 4:00 am, while on patrol in the vicinity of Whispers Cocktail Lounge, 428 North Street, officers heard several shots fired. A subsequent investigation led to the recovery of several spent shell casings. There were no reported injuries or damage.

On Wednesday, January 26, 2022, at approximately 5:30 pm, Detective Dane Wakefield working in conjunction with the FBI Safe Streets Task Force, arrested Jason J. Mendoza, a 24 year old, male, Otisville resident. The defendant was charged with two counts of Criminal Possession of a Firearm Second Degree and Reckless Endangerment First Degree. He was remanded to the Orange County Jail with \$25,000 bail/\$50,000 bond and is scheduled to appear at the Town of Wallkill Court on February 1, 2022 at 12:00pm.

A criminal charge is merely an allegation by the police that a defendant has committed a violation of the criminal law, and it is not evidence of guilt. All defendants are presumed innocent and entitled to a fair trial, during which it will be the State of New York's burden to prove guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

Robert McLymore
Lieutenant

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