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SHERIFF'S OFFICE ARRESTS VIRGINIA MAN FOR ASSAULTING DAUGHTER

Ghent, NY – Columbia County Sheriff David Harrison, Jr. reports that on Saturday, May 12th at 8:21pm, Deputy Sheriff's were assigned by County 911 for a physical domestic dispute on Quinn Lane in the Town of Ghent.

Deputy Sheriff's Marcus Hickey and Eli Fieser arrested 66 year old Douglas E. Darling of Warrenton, Virginia on charges of Assault 2nd degree, a class D-Felony, Menacing 2nd degree and Criminal Possession of a Weapon 4th degree both class A-Misdemeanors. Darling caused physical injury to a 33 year old female victim by striking her with a shovel and golf club in the head, back and hands as well as punching her repeatedly with a closed fist.

Darling had fled the scene prior to arrival of the Sheriff's Patrols but was later found approximately 100 feet north-west of the residence under a thick brush pile at 11:00pm by Deputy Sheriff's and State Troopers by use of a thermal imaging device.

Arraigned in the Ghent Town Court by Judge David Harrison, Sr., Darling was remanded to the county jail in lieu of \$25,000.00 cash or \$50,000.00 bail bond and was ordered to return to town court May 16th @ 10am.

Also assisting at the scene were Deputy Sheriff's Joshua Oakes and Jeffrey Hofstetter and patrols from the State Police in Kinderhook and Livingston.