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Date of Incident: 10/03/2023

Location of Event Occurrence: Casey Park Elementary School, 101 Pulaski St

Media Release Written by: Detective Charles Augello

At 09:47 AM today, students from Casey Park Elementary School were outside in front of the school to see a demonstration from members of the Auburn Fire Department for fire prevention week. As the demonstration concluded and the children were walking back into the front doors of the school, a male came running down Pulaski St and ran towards a fire truck which was parked in front of the school. The male then turned and ran directly at the school and through the front entry doors. As the male was running into the school his legs made contact with multiple kindergarten students and knocked at least 1 student to the floor, causing that student to obtain a small area of swelling to their head.

The male tripped and fell to the floor after making entry and was almost immediately approached and contained by members from Auburn Fire Department, Auburn City Ambulance, and School Resource Officer Flickner. SRO Flickner advised the school principal to place the school in lockdown and she then attempted to lawfully detain the male and place him into handcuffs. The male resisted and attempted to pull away and run into a different room in the school, but with the assistance of several members of Auburn Fire Department and Auburn City Ambulance, SRO Flickner was able to place the male into custody. During this time the male was disarmed of a pocket knife that he was carrying in his shorts pocket.

The male was then identified as 36 year old Jeffery Sanders Jr of Auburn. Sanders was taken to Auburn Community Hospital where he was treated and released for minor injuries that he obtained during the incident. Sanders was then transported to Auburn Police Headquarters where he was processed and held pending arraignment.

Following the investigation of the incident, it is believed at this time that Sanders may have been suffering from a mental health episode, and it is not believed that he had intended to harm any children.

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Jeffery C. Sanders Jr of 200 Woodlawn Ave, Auburn

Charges:

Criminal Trespass in the Third Degree (class B misdemeanor)

Endangering the Welfare of a Child (class A misdemeanor)

Obstructing Governmental Administration in the Second Degree (class A misdemeanor)