



NEW PALTZ POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Press Release

For Immediate Release

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The New Paltz Police Department reports the arrest of;

***Orient J. Alexander, age 23
700 Lenox Avenue
NYC, NY 10037***

Alexander was arrested by the New Paltz Police Department on January 20, 2011 at approximately 3:00 a.m. in New York City and charged with;

- Criminal Possession of a Forged Instrument in the 1st Degree, a class C Felony

On May 19, 2010, the New Paltz Police Department responded to the New Paltz branch of the Bank of America to investigate a customer who was attempting to cash a suspicious payroll check. Upon their arrival, officers were informed that the suspect had already left the bank and in doing so left the suspicious check behind with his thumb print on it. Bank tellers had asked the customer to place his thumb print on the check as he was not a customer of the bank. Further investigation revealed that the check was a counterfeit.

With this thumb print, New Paltz Detectives were able to enter it into a nation-wide database of fingerprints and received a match to Alexander. With that match, an arrest warrant was entered into the system for him.

New Paltz Police were contacted by the New York City Police Department early this morning who stopped Alexander on an unrelated vehicle and traffic offense. He was picked up in New York City and returned to New Paltz. Alexander was arraigned by New Paltz Town Justice James Bacon and remanded to the Ulster County Jail on \$10,000.00 bail to return on January 25, 2011 at 5:00 p.m.