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Arraignment in C.I. tomorrow for teen who pulled knife on police

A North Patchogue teenager is scheduled for an arraignment on an indictment tomorrow (6/25) in Central Islip before State Supreme Court Justice Fernando Camacho.

Suffolk County District Attorney Thomas Spota said Liam Rooney, 18, of Wilmarth Avenue was approached by two Suffolk County police officers responding to a call about a man with a knife on Wilmarth Avenue on June 15 at 2:24 pm. As the officers approached Rooney on the sidewalk to question him, the teen refused multiple demands that he remove his hands from his pockets.

Rooney suddenly pulled a knife with a four-inch blade from his jacket pocket and hit one police officer in the head with the butt of the knife, and then slashed at the cop, cutting his shirt sleeve in two places. The police officer received medical treatment for a head contusion at Brookhaven Memorial Hospital.

Rooney was placed under arrest and charged with assault, criminal possession of a weapon fourth degree, resisting arrest and two counts of menacing in the second degree. He is in the Suffolk County jail in lieu of \$105,000 cash bail.

Justice Camacho will call the court calendar at 9:30 am.



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