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Michael L. Wright, 55 of New York City was stopped and arrested Friday afternoon as he was driving away from Citizens Bank on Columbia Turnpike. Wright had attempted to transact a bank withdrawal, using a fictitious driver's license and fraudulent credit card. An alert bank teller declined to complete the transaction and telephoned town police dispatchers with the information as Wright left the bank. In a subsequent search by Officer Mark Herrington, a dozen fictitious drivers' licenses from multiple states and numerous fraudulent credit cards were recovered. Wright was arraigned on 12 counts of Possession of a Forged Instrument 2<sup>nd</sup> Dgr. before Town Justice Kevin Engel and remanded to County Jail.

In other cases;

Constantino J. Anastasio, 38 and Anthony B. Anastasio, 17, both of Albany, were arrested early Monday morning as they were driving away from Walmart with a stolen television. Store employees called police dispatchers shortly after 1:00 a.m., after watching the men dash out the store carrying a Samsung Ultra High Definition TV worth \$750.00. After being unable to fit the large screen TV in the back seat of their get-away car, the pair resorted to placing it in the trunk of the black Lexus, but it was too large to close the trunk lid. As the car drove off, store employees told police to look for a black car with their stolen TV sticking out the trunk. Shortly thereafter, Officer Edward Ashley who was on patrol on Third Avenue Extension observed the Lexus travelling West with the TV still sticking out of the trunk, at which time the pair was stopped and taken into custody. They have been charged with Larceny and Conspiracy.

All cases will be heard in Town Court. Refer to source above for additional information.



Michael L. Wright



Constantino J. Anastasio



Anthony B. Anastasio