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Mark A. Slocum, 59 of Rensselaer was arrested this afternoon by Detective Sgt. Elaine Rudzinski and Detective Michael Guadagnino and was charged with Falsely Reporting an Incident to Law Enforcement, among other charges, in connection with an armed robbery that Slocum reported to police on Monday August 20th.

Slocum had called 9-1-1 about 10 a.m. Monday and told police that a white male had entered the Discount Flooring store on Troy Road, with a knife, and robbed him of cash. He gave a highly detailed description of the suspect.

Nearby senior centers and nursing homes went into lockdown, while police used dogs and State Police helicopter to search backyards and adjoining properties for the suspect. No look-alike could be found.

However, detectives viewed surveillance video from numerous banks, restaurants, hotels and private properties in the immediate vicinity, none of which had recorded anyone entering or leaving the Flooring store with that description.

Slocum was arraigned before East Greenbush Town Justice George J. Hoffman Jr. at about 6 p.m. on charges of Falsely Reporting an Incident, Perjury 2nd Dgr., Making a False Sworn Statement and Larceny.

Slocum was immediately placed on Ankle Bracelet Surveillance pending further court proceedings, and turned over to Troy Police who hold an unrelated Warrant for his arrest.

The case will be heard in Town Court. Refer to source above for additional information.



Mark A. Slocum