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## **PRESS RELEASE - FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

Clinton County District Attorney Andrew J. Wylie today announced that on May 20, 2021, **Kevin Doherty** appeared in Clinton County Court, and entered a plea of guilty to the charge of Attempted Aggravated Assault Upon a Police Officer, a class C felony offense, in satisfaction of all charges against him. The defendant is represented by Public Defender, Jamie Martineau of Plattsburgh, New York.

Doherty was previously arraigned in connection with an Indictment charging him with two counts of Attempted Murder in the First Degree, two counts of Menacing a Police Officer and Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the Third Degree. These charges stem from law enforcement officers responding to Doherty's residence to conduct a wellness check of a suicidal male. During the verbal exchange between Doherty and law enforcement officers, Doherty fired one round with his shotgun. The round fired missed the officers and struck Doherty's vehicle.

The negotiated sentence is a determinate sentence of twelve (12) years followed by five (5) years post release supervision, a fine up to five thousand dollars to be imposed at the Court's discretion, \$300.00 surcharge, \$25.00 crime victim assistance fee, provide a DNA sample and a \$50.00 DNA databank fee. By entering a plea to Attempted Aggravated Assault Upon a Police Officer, the defendant agreed to waive his right to trial, waive his right to post conviction remedies as well as waiving his right to appeal. Judge William Favreau scheduled the matter for sentencing on July 29, 2021.

Doherty was relatively cooperative during his arrest and the investigative proceedings. He was remorseful for his criminal conduct of placing law enforcement officers in serious danger and acknowledged his guilt at the time of his plea. In recommending the 12 year determinate sentence, the District Attorney took into consideration the defendant's physical and mental condition at the time of the incident, statements made by the defendant at the time of his arrest, past mental health issues including suicidal ideations, the defendant's cooperation and remorsefulness. The toxicology report revealed the presence of alcohol and drugs including Benzodiazepines and Buprenorphine in defendant's blood on the date of the incident.

The case was investigated by the New York State Police, Bureau of Criminal Investigation and Forensic Investigation Unit. The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Vivian Joo with the assistance of District Attorney Andrew Wylie.

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