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### **Capitol Police Arrest Two Men Following Courthouse Scuffle**

On March 16, Capitol Police arrested two men following a courtroom scuffle within the New Castle County Courthouse. The incident ensued following the sentencing of Daniel Schofield on charges of Murder 2<sup>nd</sup> degree and Robbery 1<sup>st</sup> degree. While being escorted from the courtroom, Schofield became disorderly and involved in an altercation with Delaware Department of Corrections (DOC) Officers. Upon witnessing the altercation between Schofield and DOC Officers, Schofield's family members became disorderly inside of the courtroom. A scuffle between Delaware Capitol Police Officers, Superior Court Bailiffs and the defendant's family ensued.

James F. Schofield, 52, of New Castle, the father of defendant Schofield, attempted to punch Capitol Police Officers and struck a Superior Court Bailiff on the arm before being subdued and arrested. Jeffrey Lee Penland, 27, of New Castle, attempted to aid James Schofield and was ordered to disperse by Capitol Police. Penland refused to comply and became aggressive towards Capitol Police Officers. Due to his aggressive manner and refusal to disperse, Capitol Police deployed a Taser to take Mr. Penland into custody. James F. Schofield was charged with one count of disorderly conduct and one count of offensive touching. He was released on \$1,000 unsecured bail pending trial at a later date. Penland was charged with one count of disorderly conduct and released on \$500 unsecured bail pending trial at a later date.

As a result of the incident, medical personnel were summoned to aid the defendant's mother and the victim's mother. Both were suffering from labored breathing and anxiety as a result of the physical altercation and sentencing.

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