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**PRESS RELEASE**

**Fugitive Barry Baker  
Taken Into Custody**

Defendant Barry Baker, the defendant charged with assaulting a man with cerebral palsy, was taken into custody at approximately 0745 hours today by the United States Marshals Service and the Chester County Sheriff's Fugitive Apprehension Unit. Baker had been on the run from multiple warrants.

David B. Webb, United States Marshal for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, stated, "The United States Marshals Service always stands ready to assist our law enforcement partners in apprehending fugitives. This investigation is a great example of federal, state, and local authorities combining resources to achieve a successful result. In addition, District Attorney Tom Hogan is an old friend, so it was a pleasure to assist Chester County."

Chester County Sheriff Carolyn "Bunny" Welsh stated, "We are pleased that the defendant is in custody. It was a great effort by multiple agencies."

The defendant was originally arrested for mocking and then assaulting a man with cerebral palsy. After he made bail, two other arrest warrants were issued, one for a probation violation and one for failing to appear at a domestic relations hearing. The defendant was informed about the warrants, promised to turn himself in, but instead went on the run.

The United States Marshals Service and the Chester County Sheriff's Fugitive Apprehension Unit then went to work on tracking down the defendant.

The public, through extensive social media contacts, also was instrumental in providing leads.

Late last night, the Marshals and Deputy Sheriffs received hard intelligence on the defendant's location. Other people were assisting the defendant in his flight. Using a combination of technology and information from key individuals, they traced the defendant's movements through multiple locations during the night and into the early morning hours. The Sheriff's Unit also had a K-9 available as part of the team.

Eventually, the defendant was tracked to the Clarion Hotel in Exton, Chester County, Pennsylvania. The United States Marshals took him into custody without incident. He was transferred to the custody of the Chester County Sheriff's Office, then transported to Chester County Prison.

Chester County District Attorney Tom Hogan stated, "This was a relentless manhunt by the United States Marshals Service, the Chester County Sheriff's Fugitive Apprehension Unit, and all of Chester County law enforcement. Every cop on the street told me that they were looking for this defendant. In addition, the public did an outstanding job through social media of getting the word out that the defendant was wanted. Nobody was going to quit until the defendant was in prison, where he belongs."

Anybody with further information about the defendant should contact Chester County Detective Keith Cowdright at 610-344-6866.

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Approved for release:

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