

Man Charged with Assault After Wiping Face on Dollar Store Clerk in Holly

On Saturday, May 2, 2020 at about 1:30 pm a male customer entered the Dollar Tree store at 422 N. Saginaw St. in Holly MI without wearing face covering in accordance with store requirements. The clerk advised the man that all in-store customers must wear a face covering to enter the store as stated on the signs posted on the entry doors.

The man walked over to the clerk and wiped his nose and face on the sleeve of her shirt telling her "Here, I will use this as a mask" the man continued to be loud and disruptive inside the store before leaving the store.

On Monday May 4th the Holly police department shared the in-store surveillance video on our Facebook page @Holly Police Department requesting public assistance in identifying the man in the video. As a result of the Facebook post, Holly police received information from callers who reported the possible identity of the man as Rex Gomoll of Argentine Twp. Holly police officers, working with Argentine Township police spoke with Rex Howard Gomoll age 68 at his home at 5:37 pm where Gomoll admitted to police he is the man in the video, and he did make that statement and wipe his face on the clerks clothing.

Rex Gomoll was placed under arrest, booked and lodged at the Oakland County Jail. On Tuesday, May 5, 2020 the Oakland County Prosecutors officer issued a charge of Assault & Battery against Mr. Gomoll.

An arraignment was held on Wednesday, May 6, 2020 at 9 am on Rex Howard Gomoll via video conference due to COVID-19 restrictions before 52/2 District Court Judge Joseph G. Fabrizio on one count of Assault & Battery, Misdemeanor 93 days and/or \$500.00. Bond was set at \$2,500.00 personal bond with restrictions to have no contact with the victim or return to the Holly Dollar Tree store. In addition, Gomoll is placed on home confinement other than court, grocery and medical reasons. Gomoll's next scheduled court appearance is set for a pretrial hearing on Monday, May 18, 2020 at 10:00 am before Judge Joseph G. Fabrizio of the 52/2 District Court in Clarkston MI.