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**NEW WINDSOR WOMAN PLEADS GUILTY TO ASSAULT OF A POLICE OFFICER AND
DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED**

Kingston, NY—On Monday, January 22, 2024, Lucia Costa, age 22, of New Windsor, pled guilty to Assault in the Second Degree and Driving While Intoxicated in Ulster County Court. The convictions stemmed from a traffic stop on March 22, 2023 by the New Paltz Police Department. During the traffic stop, officers observed defendant to be visibly intoxicated and asked her to step out of the vehicle, at which time defendant took the police on a high-speed chase reaching maximum speeds of 85 mph in a posted 30 mph zone.

Once the police succeeded in safely stopping the vehicle, defendant became physically combative and began kicking and spitting at officers. Defendant then assaulted a female New Paltz Police Officer, who suffered torn labrum cartilage in her shoulder.

Defendant's blood alcohol content at the time was 0.16, twice the legal limit, and blood tests also showed active metabolites of cannabis. This is the second time defendant has been charged with assaulting an officer. The case was prosecuted by **Assistant District Attorney Victoria Lang**. The defendant was represented by Newburgh attorney **William Cobb**. Sentencing is scheduled for April 2, 2024 before the Honorable Bryan Rounds.

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