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Aari Rebane, 27, of Suttons Bay has been charged with Possession of An Explosive Substance, (10 year felony), Carrying a Dangerous Weapon with Unlawful Intent (5 year felony), Assault and Battery (93 day misdemeanor) and Throwing Objects at Trains/Cars (93 day misdemeanor).

The defendant was arrested by the Traverse City Police Department after what was an otherwise peaceful rally on Saturday, June 6, 2020 at 3:25pm. The charges are based on allegations that the defendant threw a rock at a truck that was waiving a Trump flag as it passed by protestors on Grandview Parkway. When the truck stopped and the passenger exited, he was physically assaulted by the defendant who then fled the scene. The victim is a 34 year old from Traverse City.

Following the defendant's arrest, police searched his backpack where they found more rocks wrapped in cloth, a bottle of 70% isopropyl alcohol, goggles, a first aid kit, a key for opening outside faucets at businesses and a crowbar/pry tool.

Mr. Rebane is presumed innocent of all charges unless and until proven guilty in a court of law.