

## Former candidate arrested for Saddle Rock mayor assault

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Sasha Marsi, 32, was arrested for assault and drug charges after cops said he attacked the Mayor of Saddle Rock Village causing him to sustain a fractured shoulder, head laceration, and cuts to his face.  
**Credits:** Nassau County Police Dept.

A former candidate for Village Trustee was arraigned on assault and drug charges after he allegedly attacked the Mayor of the [Village of Saddle Rock \(http://www.saddlerock.org/\)](http://www.saddlerock.org/), according to Nassau County police.

Sasha Marsi, 32, surrendered Thursday to Nassau County Police after he allegedly punched Mayor Dan Levy in the face with his keys and then body-slammed the mayor into a bench at Saddle Rock Village Hall the day before, according to court documents. Police said Levy's left shoulder was fractured and he also suffered cuts and bruises to his face.

Sources said the two have had a long-standing dispute, but village officials couldn't pinpoint exactly what set-off the attack. Marsi ran unsuccessfully for [Village Trustee \(http://saddlerock2012.com/\)](http://saddlerock2012.com/) in his first bid for public office last March.

During Marsi's arraignment at Nassau County First District Court in Hempstead, prosecutors said the Mayor needed 14 stitches to close a head injury and his shoulder was fractured in three places.



**Location:** Saddle Rock Village Hall,  
Saddle Rock NY

Marsi's attorney, Meir Moza, told a different story, claiming Mayor Levy was the aggressor. "The injury that was sustained by the mayor obviously took place by the mayor's own action in beating my client up," Moza told [WABC-TV \(http://abclocal.go.com/wabc/story?section=news/local/long\\_island&id=8836405\)](http://abclocal.go.com/wabc/story?section=news/local/long_island&id=8836405). "Putting him in a headlock and then punching him when he was on the floor." Levy has vehemently denied the allegations.

Marsi, who is an accountant, was charged with second-degree and third-degree assault, possession of a dangerous weapon, and criminal possession of a controlled substance. Cops said when Marsi was arrested, he had a tablet of Suboxone, a narcotic, on his person.

While Marsi's motive still remains unclear, his attorney said Marsi has made allegations of financial improprieties against the Mayor in the past. Levy serves in a strictly-volunteer position as Mayor – he collects no salary.

Judge Christopher Quinn set \$750.00 bail, which Marsi posted after his arraignment Friday morning. An order of protection prohibiting Marsi from contact with the Mayor, was also ordered.



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