

Assault Could Be Charged as Hate Crime

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Spurgeon Elwood Eggers, age 52 of Boone, was arrested on Saturday afternoon and was charged with one misdemeanor count of assault with a deadly weapon. Eggers is alleged to have cut an hispanic man in the leg with a box cutter outside Wal-Mart after the man told him that he didn't speak English.

Eggers was taken before a Watauga County Magistrate and was issued a court date of 07-12-2011 and was held on a \$1,000.00 secured bond. Investigation into this matter will continue to determine if the case details meet the criteria for reporting the incident as a hate crime and for consideration of additional charges.