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BETHEL PARK MAN ARRESTED FOR BRUTAL ASSAULT ON PPG PAINTS ARENA USHER

Pittsburgh PA ---- Sheriff Kevin M. Kraus announced tonight that a Bethel Park man is in custody in connection with a brutal assault that injured an usher at PPG Paints Arena during the Aerosmith concert on September 6th.

24-year-old Derek Pritchard was arrested by detectives from our office earlier tonight at his Bethel Park home. City of Pittsburgh Police were able to identify Pritchard following the assault through witness interviews and surveillance video from the arena.

The victim, who also works for Allegheny County Pre-Trial Services, was working as an usher at the Captain Morgan Club. Surveillance video from the night of the concert shows him being struck multiple times in the head and face with the bottom end of an empty liquor bottle and then being stomped on in the head and neck area while on the ground. The victim was taken to the hospital suffering from a concussion and injuries to his head and face.

Following the arrest, Pritchard was transported to City of Pittsburgh Police Headquarters and then taken to the Allegheny County jail for arraignment on a number of charges including aggravated assault and attempted homicide.

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