Quite a bit of time has passed since the last internet release of the Guccie Times Issue 1. The staff understands that Jim Robinson was arrested in July for brandishing a CO2 pistol and charged with Attempted Criminal Possession of a weapon. We managed to get ahold of Mr. Guccione to ask him about Jim’s recent bout with the Colonie Police.

Guiccie Times (GT): Mr. Guccione, we understand that Jim Robinson was recently arrested for having an airgun and pulling it in Colonie. Can you explain this?

JG: Certainly. He shot his airgun unto the air outside on the street when no one was around. A car passing by reported seeing him display the imitation weapon and reported it to the Colonie Police. They then had him arrested and charged. He was sent to the Albany County Correctional Facility. The Public Defender’s office in Albany tried to reduce the original Felony D charge down to a misdemeanor but was unsuccessful. The DA proceeded to indite him to the county level and offered him a plea bargain, as assisted by his public defender to a class E Felony with a sentence of time served and 5 years felony probation. The Public Defender was successful with her proposal and the DA and judge agreed to the plea bargain. Robinson waived his right to an appeal. He then did two and a half months in the ACCF and was released to do his probation sentence. Jim now serves his probation with the fear of doing a year in prison if he violates his probation, even if it is a mistake.

GT: We see. That is quite a sentence for just shooting off a toy gun.

JG: I agree.

GT: So, there is no hope now for Jim to get a permit to carry a real gun?

JG: I am planning for Jim to learn how to use a real gun with a permit as issued to him by the Troy Police Department. He is my public official. Jim was recently burglarized of his credit card, cell phone and cash from his apartment. The burglar proceeded to use his card to take $10,000 worth of purchases. SEFCU agrees to put all the money back in Jim’s account because the money is insured up to $250,000.

GT: We see. Do you really think Jim will do more time?

JG: Not if he doesn’t make any mistakes. He has to do his probation.

GT: Vey well, so will we see Jim out drawing again?

JG: Jim will be in LoPorto’s Restaurant in Troy offering his portraits. I do not pay him for what he does for me. That is volunteer work. If you want to support his cause, buy his products from jramtworks.org or buy his portraits at LoPorto’s.

GT: What is your take on the cops who arrested him and overcharged him and got away with it because the DA saw that he had a previous airgun charge?

JG: They were doing their job.

GT: We see. And if you do not mind us asking, are you saved Mr. Guccione?

JG: I do not discuss politics or religion.

GT: Very well. Thank you for your time, Mr. Guccione.

JG: Likewise.