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Escape artist to try and break out of Old Town Hall Jail Friday

Michael Lee is going to be searched, handcuffed and shackled by local police and then locked in jail. It's not the result of his committing any crime. Instead it's a Harry Houdini-like escape the artist plans to execute at the Old Town Hall Court House on Friday, October 28. The event is at 11 a.m. and the public is invited to watch. The Old Town Hall is located at 47 West Main Street, Babylon, just west of Deer Park Avenue.

Lee is a Long Island Mentalis and escape artist. He will be given one hour to try and make his escape, which marks the 80th anniversary of the passing of the great Harry Houdini.

Lee has escaped from a regulation straight jacket in three minutes while suspended from a burning rope 75 feet in the air. He escaped after being chained and shackled to cross-like structure while explosives threatened his life and in 1996, he succeeded in escaping a maximum security prison cell at the notorious Toms in downtown,



New York.

Babylon Town Councilman Wayne Horsley, chairman of the renovation committee restoring Old Town Hall, said he does not believe that anyone ever escaped from the historic jail. The event will be held, rain or shine.