

# Tioga County Sheriff's Office



from  
**Sheriff Gary W. Howard**

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**News Release**  
**Monday, July 20, 2015**

1. **Branden S. Krager, Age 33, of 38 S. Main St., Newark Valley, NY**  
Arrested on 07/11/15 at 10:30 PM for Resisting Arrest, Obstruction 2<sup>nd</sup>, AUO 3<sup>rd</sup> and Open Container.

These charges resulted from a complaint of a suspicious vehicle on Brown Rd in Berkshire. The defendant was arraigned before Justice Patrick Hogan of the Town of Owego Court and remanded to the Tioga County Jail on \$1,500 bail or \$3,000 bond. Krager is scheduled to appear in the Town of Berkshire Court in front of Justice Charles Brundza at a later date.

2. **Lance G. Williams, Age 31, of 2348 Bolles Hill Rd, Owego, NY**  
Arrested on 07/15/15 at 9:25 PM for Promoting Prison Contraband 1st and Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance 7<sup>th</sup>.

These charges resulted from Williams allegedly bringing in contraband consisting of a packet of heroin inside the Tioga County Jail. The defendant was arraigned before Justice John Schumacher and remanded to the Tioga County Jail on \$10,000 bail or \$20,000 bond. Williams is scheduled to reappear in the Town of Owego Court before Justice Schumacher on 8/15/15.

3. **Michael M. Black, Age 29, of 972 Ithaca Rd, Candor, NY**  
Arrested on 07/16/15 at 10:00 AM for Harassment 2<sup>nd</sup> and Criminal Mischief 4<sup>th</sup>.

These charges resulted from a domestic disturbance where Black flicked his cigarette onto a 92 year old woman burning a hole into her shirt. He also twisted a lamp and broke it. The defendant was arraigned in the Town of Candor Court before Justice Gary Dence and was remanded to the Tioga County Jail on \$1,000 bail or \$2,000 bond. Black is scheduled to reappear in the Town of Candor Court in front of Justice Dence on 8/3/15.

4. **Thomas J. Kurtz, Age 23, of 1873 State Route 38 B, Newark Valley, NY**  
Arrested on 07/16/15 at 8:55 PM for Criminal Mischief 4<sup>th</sup>, Reckless Driving, Speed Not Reasonable & Prudent for Conditions, Leaving the Scene of a Property Damage Accident, Operating a Motor Vehicle While Using a Mobile Phone, Failure to Signal within 100 ft., Failure to Yield to an Emergency Vehicle and Failure to Comply with a Lawful Order of a Police Officer.

These charges resulted from an investigation of a Criminal Mischief complaint on Mountain Ave in the Village of Candor. The defendant was arraigned before Justice Les Swartz of the Village of Candor Court and remanded to the Tioga County Jail on \$2,000 bail or \$4,000 bond. Kurtz is scheduled to reappear in the Village of Candor Court before Justice Swartz on 8/3/15.

5. **Hiram W. Shaff, Age 40, of 475 Halsey Valley Rd, Barton, NY**  
Arrested on 07/16/15 at 11:15 PM for Criminal Obstruction of Breathing, Endangering the Welfare of a Child and Harassment.

These charges resulted from the male subject being involved in a physical disturbance with a juvenile. The defendant was issued appearance tickets and is scheduled to appear in the Town of Owego Court in front of Justice Patrick Hogan on 7/21/15.

6. **Jason D. Kasson, Age 40, of 1807 Ridge Rd, Lockwood, NY**  
Arrested on 07/17/15 at 12:40 AM for Criminal Obstruction of Breathing.

This charge resulted from the male subject being involved in a physical domestic dispute with a female. The defendant was arraigned before Justice Joseph Fravel, Town of Barton Court, and was released on his own recognizance. Kasson is scheduled to reappear in the Town of Barton Court in front of Justice Fravel on 7/21/15.

**Approved by Lt. Kipling**

*Posted 7/20/15 10:30 AM by Diane Rockwell*