

Tioga County Sheriff's Office



**From
Sheriff Gary W. Howard**

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News Release
Tuesday, December 02, 2025**

1. On 11/17/2025, the Tioga County Sheriff's Office arrested Bruce L. Houseknecht age 51 of Owego, NY for the charge of Aggravated Unlicensed Operation in the First Degree. This charge resulted from an investigation into a suspicious vehicle that was parked in the middle of Foster Valley Road in the Town of Owego. During the investigation, it was found that Houseknecht's license had been suspended, with 38 scoffs over 10 different dates. Houseknecht was arrested and was released on appearance tickets to return to the Town of Owego Court at a later date.
2. On 11/25/25, the Tioga County Sheriff's Office arrested Makenzie B. Esposito, Age 23, of Barton, NY for the charge of Criminal Mischief 3rd, a Class E Felony. This charge was the result of an investigation of a disturbance. Following the investigation, it was found that Esposito caused damage to another person's property. Esposito was arraigned at Tioga County CAP Court and was released on her own recognizance. Esposito is scheduled to appear before Judge Myers at Barton Town Court.
3. On 11/19/2025, the Tioga County Sheriff's Office arrested Candi Bellis, age 39, of Nichols, NY, for a Superior Court Arrest Warrant on the following charges: 2 counts of Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance 2nd; Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance 3rd; Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance 7th; and 2 counts of Criminal Use of Drug Paraphernalia 2nd. These charges resulted from an indictment following a Search Warrant that was conducted on 10/29/2024. Bellis will be held at the Tioga County Jail awaiting further proceedings.

Approved by Captain T. Yaeger
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