

Tioga County Sheriff's Office



**From
Sheriff Gary W. Howard**

**News Release
Wednesday, February 18, 2026**

1. On February 9, 2026, the Tioga County Sheriff's Office arrested Timothy J. Cole of Nichols, New York for two counts of Criminal Mischief. These charges resulted from an investigation into a complaint of destruction of property in the Town of Nichols. During the investigation, it was discovered that Cole had damaged security cameras on two separate incidents. Cole was arrested and issued an appearance ticket to appear in the Town of Nichols Court at a later date.
2. On February 8, 2026, the Tioga County Sheriff's Office arrested Diane M. Bennett, age 34, of Newark Valley, for the charges of Driving While Intoxicated and Driving While Intoxicated .08 or higher. These charges resulted from an investigation into a domestic dispute. During the investigation it was found that Bennett was operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol. Bennett was released on an appearance ticket and is scheduled to appear in Town of Newark Valley at a later date.
3. On February 11, 2026, the Tioga County Sheriff's Office arrested Derak C. Heyman, age 33, of the Town of Tioga for the charge of Grand Larceny 3rd Degree. This charge resulted from an investigation into a Larceny complaint on 1/7/26. During the investigation, it was found that Heyman stole \$9,000 of store merchandise from the Onvo Truck Stop. Heyman was arraigned at CAP by Justice Grinage and was released. Heyman is to reappear before Justice Grinage, Town of Nichols Court, on 2/18/26.

Approved by Captain Trevor Yaeger
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