

Tioga County Sheriff's Office



From
Sheriff Gary W. Howard

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On March 1, 2026 at approximately 6:45 PM, the Tioga County Sheriff's Office conducted a felony arrest warrant check at 10217 SR 38 in the Town of Newark Valley for David R. Keener. Deputies located David Keener hiding in a vehicle parked in a driveway. Keener refused orders to exit the vehicle and fled the scene in the motor vehicle. Deputies pursued the vehicle south on SR38 to the Village of Owego. The New York State Police then took over the pursuit at SR17c westbound into the Village of Waverly and ultimately into Pennsylvania. Keener then re-entered New York on River Rd. in the Town of Nichols. Tioga County Deputies were able to successfully deploy spike strips as the vehicle neared Tioga Downs Casino. The now disabled vehicle went into a field towards the Susquehanna River and stopped just short of the riverbank. Keener then jumped into the river to avoid apprehension. The New York State Police, along with PA agencies, were able to pull him from the river and take him into custody. David R. Keener (dob 8/17/89) of Newark Valley, New York has pending charges for:

- Criminal Possession of a Controlled substance 7th (Misd)
- DWAI drugs (Misd)
- Aggravated Unlicensed Operation 1st (Fel)
- Obstruction of Government Administration (Misd)
- Resisting Arrest (Misd)
- Unlawful Fleeing Law Enforcement (Misd)
- Reckless Endangerment 2nd (Misd)
- Several additional Vehicle and Traffic violations

Approved by Captain Trevor Yaeger
Posted 3/6/26 3:05 PM by Diane Rockwell