

# Tioga County Sheriff's Office



From  
**Sheriff Gary W. Howard**

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**News Release**  
**Tuesday, April 07, 2026**

1. On 4/2/26 at around 11:53 AM, the Tioga County Sheriff's Office responded to a report of a stabbing that had just occurred at a residence at 61 Lathrop Rd. in the Town of Candor. The initial investigation determined that 37-year-old John Adrat Jr., a resident at that location had been stabbed in the abdomen by his 54-year-old stepbrother John D. Penalvert during a domestic incident. Penalvert allegedly fled the residence on foot and entered the surrounding wooded area. Adrat Jr. was initially transported in a personal vehicle to the Lourdes walk-in care facility at 500 Fifth Ave, Owego where immediate care was rendered by staff on scene. He was eventually transported by Campville EMS to Wilson Hospital in Johnson City, NY in serious but stable condition.

Tioga County Sheriff's Office Investigators, Deputies and members of the New York State Police immediately began searching for Penalvert. The Tioga County Drone Unit was deployed and performed an aerial search, and a New York State Police canine performed a track of the suspect. Penalvert was located approximately 2.5 miles from the residence by Sheriff Deputies and taken into custody without incident. Investigators executed a search warrant at the residence and on Penalvert's person.

John D. Penalvert, of 61 Lathrop Rd, Candor was arrested for Assault 1st degree (class B felony), Criminal Possession of a Weapon 3rd degree (class D Felony), and three counts of Endangering the Welfare of a Child (class A misdemeanors) as the incident allegedly took place in the presence of three young children. He was arraigned in Tioga County CAP Court and remanded to the Tioga County Jail with no bail.

The Sheriff's Office was assisted by New York State Police uniformed troopers and canine unit, and Campville EMS.

2. On 04/04/2026, the Tioga County Sheriff's Office arrested Zacharia Beaver of Owego, NY for the Charges of Criminal Mischief in the Fourth Degree and Aggravated Harassment in the 2nd degree. During the investigation, it was found that Zacharia destroyed property that did not belong to him and also harassed the victim via cellular device, prior to destroying said property. Zacharia was taken to the Tioga County Sheriff's Office where he was held for CAP and was later released on his own recognizance and will appear in the Town of Owego Court at a later date.

Approved by Captain Trevor Yaeger  
Posted 4/7/26 10:15 AM by Diane Rockwell