

# *Tioga County Sheriff's Office*



from  
**Sheriff Gary W. Howard**

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**News Release**  
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Tioga County Sheriff Gary W. Howard reports on his Office's participation in a lengthy heroin investigation, led by the NYS Attorney General's Office Organized Crime Task Force and the New York State Police. Working in coordination with more than a dozen federal, state and local law enforcement agencies, the investigation code named "Operation Un-Wise" resulted in the arrest and 217 count indictments of 31 members charged with the distribution of heroin, particularly in the Finger Lakes region.

Operating from a command post out of the Tioga County Emergency Operations Center during the early morning hours of May 10<sup>th</sup>, a multitude of law enforcement personnel from a variety of agencies were deployed throughout a number of counties and were successful in apprehending 23 of the individuals named in the indictments. The defendants were returned to the Tioga County Sheriff's Office for processing and were arraigned in front of Tioga County Judge Gerald Keene. All of the defendants were remanded to the Tioga County Sheriff's Correctional Facility.

Sheriff Howard praised the extraordinary efforts of his law enforcement and correctional staff and all the other law enforcement agencies and personnel whom were instrumental in this major effort to combat the on-going Heroin problem in our communities.

The indictments, which were unsealed in Tioga County Court, contain 217 counts, charging 31 people with various Criminal Sale and Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance (class A, B, C, D felonies) and Conspiracy in the second degree (class B felony) in relation to their involvement in the narcotics trafficking network. Those charged today include:

- Stormie Coyne, 39 years old, of Ithaca, NY
- Joseph Besemer, 34 years old, of Newfield, NY
- Shaylee Bisgrove, 24 years old, of Ithaca, NY
- Destiny Boda, 25 years old, of Ithaca, NY
- Lynn Boda, 50 years old, of Ithaca, NY
- Myia Boda, 31 years old, of Ithaca, NY
- Corey Bond, 31 years old, of Ithaca, NY
- Katie Crapo, 28 years old, of Odessa, NY

- Michael Dawson, 26 years old, of Willseyville, NY
- Arthur Erskine, 40 years old, of Ithaca, NY
- Erica Farrell, 32 years old, of Candor, NY
- Dioremi Feliz, 36 years old, of New York, New York
- Brittany Ford, 28 years old, of Bronx, NY
- Shanakia Gray, 34 years old, of Newfield, NY
- Zachary Kelly, 32 years old, of Bronx, NY
- Yvette King, 40 years old, of Lansing, NY
- Zavierus King, 22 years old, of Lansing, NY
- Johnny Lee, 37 years old, of Ithaca, NY
- Angelo LeGrande, 42 years old, of Ithaca, NY
- Jerica Luoma, 28 years old, of Ithaca, NY
- Eric MacDonald, 32 years old, of Candor, NY
- Dustin Myers, 29 years old, of Ithaca, NY
- Jose Polanco, 38 years old, of New York, NY
- Devon Rose, 19 years old, of Willseyville, NY
- Branden Schmeltz, 22 years old, of Spencer, NY
- Nicole Spence, 43 years old, of Ithaca, NY
- Aylah Stewart-Boda, 25 years old, of Ithaca, NY
- Brandon Stone, 26 years old, of Candor, NY
- Savanna Washington, 26 years old, of Candor, NY
- Justin Westbrook, 25 years old, of Spencer, NY
- Joseph White, 26 years old, of Cortland, NY

Law Enforcement continues to search for six of the defendants (pictured) who remain at large. Arthur Erskine of Ithaca; Zachary Kelly of the Bronx; Angelo LeGrande of Ithaca; Yvette King of Lansing; Nichole Spence of Ithaca; Branden Schmeltz of Spencer. Any information into the whereabouts of these individuals should be reported to law enforcement.

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