

# Tioga County Sheriff's Office



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**From  
Sheriff Gary W. Howard**

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**News Release  
Thursday, June 23, 2022**

On June 23, 2022 at 3:15pm, the Tioga County Sheriff's Office arrested John R. Prentice Jr, age 40, of 162-b Campbell Hill Road, Owego NY and charged him with murder in the second degree. After his arrest, Prentice was brought to the Tioga County Jail Division to await C.A.P. Court arraignment. The arrest is the result of an investigation that began on June 19, 2022. Members of the Tioga County Sheriff's Office were called to 184 Campbell Hill Road in the Town of Tioga after they received a report of a deceased female found inside of a residence. Shortly after arriving on scene, it was determined that the resident of that address, Laurie Hawthorne, age 62 was deceased and had two gunshot wounds.

The Sheriff's Office was assisted by the New York State Police Troop C Major Crimes, New York State Police Forensic Identification Unit, Tioga County District Attorney's Office and Tioga County Coroner's Office.

Approved by Sheriff Howard  
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