

Tioga County Sheriff's Office



**From
Sheriff Gary W. Howard**

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News Release
Friday, January 19, 2024**

The Tioga County Sheriff's Office received information concerning potential animal neglect occurring at 240 Glenmary Drive in the Town of Tioga. The Patrol Division immediately began investigating the matter and determined that numerous farm animals consisting of cows, horses and goats were in various stages of neglect. The Sheriff's Office, along with the Tioga County District Attorney's Office and the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, continued to investigate the matter and a search warrant was applied for. On January 18, 2024 the Sheriff's Office executed the search warrant at the property and as a result, 100 cows, 17 goats and 5 horses were seized and transported to other locations for care. Two deceased goats and additional evidence of animal neglect were located on the premises. Also, as a result of search warrant and investigation, 44 year-old Adam M. Romanik and 44 year-old resident Patrick J. Champaign, were both charged with the following:

- 5 counts of Overdriving, Torturing and Injuring Animals
- Failure to provide proper sustenance, in violation of section 353 of the NYS Agricultural and Markets Law
- 22 counts of failure to provide proper food and drink to impounded animal, in violation of section 356 of the NYS Agricultural and Markets Law

The investigation is ongoing and additional charges are possible. The Sheriff's Office was assisted at the scene by the ASPCA, Tioga County DA's Office and Owego EMS.

If any member of the public would like details on how to support the ASPCA, please go to [ASPCA.org](https://www.asPCA.org)

Approved by Captain Yaeger
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