

Tioga County Sheriff's Office



**From
Sheriff Gary W. Howard**

**News Release
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On October 28, 2024, the Tioga County Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigation Division and investigators with Pennsylvania State Police Towanda began a joint investigation following the report of several burglaries which recently occurred in northern Pennsylvania. Investigators soon developed information that stolen property, from the Pennsylvania burglaries, was located at a residence in the Town of Nichols.

On October 29, 2024, The Tioga County Sheriff's Office executed a search warrant at 821 South Main St., Nichols, NY 13812, during which numerous stolen power tools and household items from the recent Pennsylvania burglaries were recovered. Also, during the search, investigators located and seized approximately one pound of crystal methamphetamine, electronic scales, large amounts of packaging material and suspected drug proceeds consisting of \$1,380 US Currency.

On November 1, 2024, as a result of the initial investigation, the Sheriff's Office arrested 38-year-old Candi R. Bellis and 25-year-old Dustin J. Relyea, both residents at 821 South Main St, Nichols for the following charges:

- Criminal possession of a controlled substance 2nd degree, class A-II felony
- Criminal possession of a controlled substance 3rd degree, class B felony
- Criminal possession of stolen property 3rd degree, class D felony
- Two counts of Criminally using drug paraphernalia 2nd degree, class A misdemeanors

Bellis and Relyea were arraigned in CAP Court by Justice Anderson and released on their own recognizance. Both are scheduled to appear in the Nichols Town Court in front of Justice Grinage on 11/13/24.

The investigation is continuing, and additional arrests are expected. The Tioga County Sheriff's Office was assisted by the Pennsylvania State Police and New York State Police. The investigation is continuing and more charges are expected in New York and Pennsylvania.

Approved by Captain T. Yaeger
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