

Tioga County Sheriff's Office



**From
Sheriff Gary W. Howard**

**News Release
Thursday, December 05, 2024**

On November 11, 2024, the Tioga County Sheriff's Office was called to Kirby Park in the Village of Nichols for the report of damage to the grass, pavement, and landscaping boulders from what appeared to be heavy machinery. Deputies and Investigators determined that a large bulldozer had been stolen from a nearby construction company, driven through the park and onto public roadways. The bulldozer was later recovered at a property approximately 1.5 miles from where it was stolen. On December 3, 2024, the Tioga County Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigation Division arrested 44-year-old Timothy J. Cole of Nichols, NY for grand larceny 2nd degree, a class C felony, and criminal mischief 4th degree, a class A misdemeanor. Cole is accused of stealing the bulldozer and recklessly causing damage to Kirby Park and the surrounding roadways. Cole was arraigned in CAP Court before Justice Dawn Olsen and released on his own recognizance, pending future court action.

Approved by Captain Yaeger
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