

Tioga County Sheriff's Office



from
Sheriff Gary W. Howard

News Release
Wednesday, December 11, 2024

1. On December 4, 2024, the Tioga County Sheriff's Office arrested Jennifer L. Harris, age 33, of Owego, New York following a traffic stop in the Town of Nichols.

Following an investigation, Harris was discovered to be in possession of approximately 2.52 ounces of suspected Crystal Methamphetamine and approximately 21.8 grams of suspected Crack Cocaine. Harris was subsequently charged with the following:

Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance Second degree, a Class A-II Felony Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance Third degree, a Class B Felony Aggravated Unlicensed Operation of a Motor Vehicle Second degree – U Misdemeanor along with other violations of the Vehicle and Traffic Law.

Harris was arraigned in Tioga County CAP Court in front of Justice Roy and released on her own recognizance, pending future court proceedings in the Nichols Town Court.

2. On December 4, 2024, the Tioga County Sheriff's Office arrested Nicholas R. Whitmarsh, age 31, of Owego, New York following a traffic stop in the Town of Nichols.

Whitmarsh had pending charges out of the Tioga County Sheriff's Office from a previous case, and Deputies attempted to place Whitmarsh into custody. Whitmarsh physically resisted before being placed into custody. Following further investigation, Whitmarsh was discovered to be in possession of approximately 2.52 ounces of suspected Crystal Methamphetamine and approximately 21.8 grams of suspected Crack Cocaine. Whitmarsh was subsequently charged with the following:

Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance Second degree, a Class A-II Felony

Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance Third degree, a Class B Felony
Criminal Possession of Stolen Property in the Third degree, a Class D Felony.

Whitmarsh was arraigned in Tioga County CAP Court in front of Justice Roy and released on his own recognizance, pending future court proceedings in the Nichols Town Court.

3. On November 30, 2024, the Tioga County Sheriff's Office arrested Brian D. Batko, age 33, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, following a Dangerous Condition complaint of an intoxicated person operating a motor vehicle, in the Town of Nichols.

Deputies were able to locate the vehicle on W River Road in the Town of Nichols and conduct a traffic stop on Interstate 86 near exit 62. Following a roadside investigation, it was found that Batko was under the influence of alcohol while operating a motor vehicle in an intoxicated condition. Batko was charged with Driving while intoxicated, an Unclassified Misdemeanor and other violations of the Vehicle and Traffic Law.

Batko was issued appearance tickets to appear in Town of Nichols Court at a later date.

Approved by Captain Yaeger
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