

# Tioga County Sheriff's Office



From  
**Sheriff Gary W. Howard**

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**News Release**  
**Thursday, January 30, 2025**

1. On January 21, 2025, the Tioga County Sheriff's Office arrested Justin Gorski age 44, of Lockwood, NY for the charges of Driving while Intoxicated and DWI .18% or higher. These charges resulted from an investigation into a traffic stop on Ridge Rd. in the Town of Barton. During the traffic stop, Justin was found to be operating a motor vehicle while in an intoxicated condition. Gorski was issued traffic tickets and is scheduled to return to the Barton Town Court at a later date.
2. On January 22, 2025, the Tioga County Sheriff's Office arrested Anthony E. Koedatich, age 41, of Binghamton, NY, following a traffic stop on Interstate 86 in the Town of Nichols. Following an investigation, Koedatich was determined to be operating a motor vehicle while impaired by drugs. Koedatich was subsequently charged with Driving While Ability Impaired by Drugs, a Class E Felony, due to a previous conviction for DWAI Drugs within the preceding 10 years. He was also charged with Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance Seventh degree, a Class A Misdemeanor, Aggravated Unlicensed Operation of a Motor Vehicle Third degree, an Unclassified Misdemeanor, and other violations of the NYS Vehicle and Traffic Law.

Koedatich was arraigned in Tioga County CAP Court in front of Justice Anderson and was remanded to the Tioga County Jail in lieu of bail \$500 cash, \$1,000 bond or \$5,000 partially secured bond.

3. Updates for the Press Release issued on 11/04/2024 related to stolen property recovered in the Village of Nichols on 10/29/2024 and in regards to the ongoing joint investigation being conducted by the Tioga County Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigation and Pennsylvania State Police (Towanda Barracks), related to burglaries that occurred in Northeastern Pennsylvania during October of 2024. In addition to the arrests posted on 11/04/2024, the Tioga County Sheriff's Office announces the following additional arrests related to the above investigation:
  - On 11/25/2024 at 4:10 PM the Tioga County Sheriff's Office arrested Amanda L. Hazard, age 41, of Nichols NY for Criminal Possession of Stolen Property in the 4<sup>th</sup> degree (Class E Felony), Hazard was released after her arrest to later appear in the Town of Nichols Court on 12/11/2024 to answer the charge.
  - On 12/04/2024 at 4:06 AM, the Tioga County Sheriff's Office arrested Nicholas R. Whitmarsh, age 31, of Owego NY for Criminal Possession of Stolen Property in the 3<sup>rd</sup> degree (class D Felony), after his arrest Whitmarsh was later arraigned at C.A.P.

Court in front of Justice Roy and was released to appear in the Town of Nichols Court on 01/22/2025.

- On 01/22/2025 at 11:55 PM, Tioga County Sheriff's Deputies responded to a residence in the Village of Nichols and arrested Candi R. Bellis, age 38 of Nichols NY for being a fugitive from justice from the State of Pennsylvania after an arrest warrant was issued out of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for the charges of burglary, criminal trespass, and theft by unlawful taking. Also, on this date deputies arrested Amanda L. Hazard, age 41, of Nichols NY for being a fugitive from justice from the State of Pennsylvania, related to an arrest warrant that was issued from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for the charges of conspiracy to commit burglary and conspiracy to commit criminal trespass. Last, deputies arrested Dustin J. Relyea, age 25, of Nichols NY for being a fugitive from justice from the State of Pennsylvania after an arrest warrant was issued out of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for burglary, criminal trespass, and theft by unlawful taking. After their arrests, all three individuals were brought back to the Tioga County Jail and were later arraigned in C.A.P. Court in front of Justice Anderson and were held at the Tioga County Jail Division to await further hearings in Tioga County Court.
  - The Tioga County Sheriff's Office is also attempting to locate Nicholas R. Whitmarsh, age 31, of Owego NY and Victor L. Spencer, age 29, of Owego NY. Both mentioned subjects at this time, are considered to be fugitives from justice from the State of Pennsylvania after arrests warrants were recently issued on 01/22/25 out of the State of Pennsylvania for burglary and other related charges. Please contact the Tioga County Sheriff's Office at (607)687-1010 or the Pennsylvania State Police at (570)265-2186 if you have information on the whereabouts of either mentioned individual.
4. On 01/13/2025, the Tioga County Sheriff's Office arrested Jennifer Martin, age 47, of Troy Pennsylvania, for the charge of Harassment 2<sup>nd</sup>, a violation. This charge resulted from an investigation into a physical dispute between two subjects. Martin was issued an appearance ticket to appear before Town of Barton Court with Justice Myers, on 02/04/2025.
  5. On 1/14/25, the Tioga County Sheriff's Office arrested Robert M. Russell, age 44 of Candor, New York for the charge of Criminal Contempt in the second degree (three counts), Endangering the Welfare of a Child (one count), and Criminal Mischief in the third degree (one count). These charges resulted from an investigation into a domestic disturbance. Russell was arraigned by CAP court Justice Lute. Russell was remanded to the Tioga County Jail and is to appear before Town of Candor Court on February 3rd, 2025.

Approved by Captain T. Yaeger  
Posted 1/30/25 9:55 AM by Diane Rockwell