

Tioga County Sheriff's Office



**From
Sheriff Gary W. Howard**

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News Release
Thursday, February 06, 2025**

1. On 02/05/2025, the Tioga County Sheriff's Office arrested Andrew B. Gildea, age 43, of Ithaca NY on an arrest warrant that was issued by the Town of Newark Valley Court for Arson in the third degree (class C felony) and Criminal Mischief in the second degree (class D felony). During his arrest Gildea was also charged with Aggravated Unlicensed Operation of a motor vehicle in the second degree (unclassified misdemeanor). Gildea was arraigned in Tioga County C.A.P. Court in front of Justice Schaffer and then transported to the Tompkins County Jail in Ithaca NY, where he was being held on bail for a separate matter. The arrests were made at the conclusion of a 6-month long investigation that was conducted by members of the Tioga County Road Patrol and Criminal Investigation Divisions relating to a structure fire that occurred on 06/19/2024 at 149-151 Murphy Lane in the Town of Newark Valley. Investigators were also assisted by members of the Tioga County Fire Investigation Team and members of the New York State Office of Fire Prevention and Control.
2. On January 30, 2025, the Tioga County Sheriff's Office arrested India M. Toombs, age 19, of Binghamton, NY, following a report of a Domestic Disturbance at the Onvo Truck Stop in the Town of Nichols. During the investigation, it was determined that following a dispute, Toombs attempted to strike the victim with her vehicle. Toombs was charged with Attempted Assault in the Second degree, a Class E Felony and arraigned in Tioga County Centralized Arraignment Court in front of Justice Grinage. Toombs was released on her own recognizance to appear in Town of Nichols Court at a later date.
3. On 1/25/2025, the Tioga County Sheriff's Office arrested Luke M. Abbey of Owego, NY for the charges of Driving While Intoxicated, Leaving the Scene of a Property Damage Accident, and Moving from Lane Unsafely. These charges resulted from an investigation into a motor vehicle crash in the Town of Nichols. During the investigation, it was found that Abbey was operating his vehicle while impaired by alcohol. Abbey was issued appearance tickets and was released on his own recognizance to appear at a later court date.
4. On January 30, 2025, the Tioga County Sheriff's Office arrested Kadejijah Clemons, Age 22 of Johnson City, NY for the charge of Assault in the Third Degree. This arrest resulted from an investigation into a Domestic Disturbance in the Town of Nichols. During the investigation, it was found that Clemons caused physical injury to the hand of another person. Clemons was issued an appearance ticket to appear at a later court date.

Approved by Captain T. Yaeger
Posted 2/6/25 3:30 PM by Diane Rockwell