

BROOME COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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On January 3, 2023, at approximately 11:36 pm, the Broome County Sheriff's Office investigated a domestic incident called in by the Cortland County Sheriff's Office due to jurisdictional boundaries. The incident was said to occur in the area of Granthouse Rd. in the Town of Lisle and was regarding a female victim being held against her will by a male suspect armed with a revolver.

While responding, Broome County Sheriff's patrol units located the suspect vehicle and attempted to stop it. A pursuit ensued when patrol units attempted to stop the vehicle. The pursuit took place on Tennant Rd. and ended in a remote area Griggs Gulf State Forest. The suspect then fled on foot into the surrounding wooded area and the female victim was safely secured by deputies.

The subsequent investigation revealed that the suspect that fled was Thomas Sunderland, 39 years old of Richford NY. During the dispute, Sunderland fired at least two rounds from the revolver towards the female victim, missing her.

Sunderland was arrested by the Cortland County Sheriff's Office on January 4, 2023, for a warrant out of their office and is currently in the custody of the Cortland County Correctional Facility. The following charges are pending against Sunderland:

- Criminal possession of a weapon in the second degree
- Criminal possession of a weapon in the third degree
- Criminal use of a firearm in the second degree
- Reckless endangerment in the first degree
- Unlawful imprisonment in the first degree
- Attempted assault in the first degree
- Criminal possession of a controlled substance in the fifth degree
- Criminal possession of a controlled substance in the fourth degree

The preceding charges are all felony level charges and will be lodged against Sunderland when taken into custody. The Sheriff's Office was assisted by New York State Police and Cortland County Sheriff's Office.

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