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Incarcerated Man Charged with Promoting Contraband after Investigation Uncovers Hidden "Shank" in Cell

(TOWN OF DICKINSON) A corrections investigation led to a felony contraband charge after a "shank" was uncovered at the Broome County Sheriff's Correctional Facility

Investigators from the Corrections Investigation Unit (CIU) of the Broome County Sheriff's Office received information on a "shank," a homemade dangerous instrument, located in one of the housing units at the Broome County Correctional Facility.

On Friday, February 2, 2024, Corrections Investigators, including the Correctional Facility K-9 unit initiated a search of several cells within the housing unit. One of the cells searched was that of Alixander Lavelle, age 19, who is currently incarcerated on a felony burglary charge.

Investigators were able to successfully locate and secure a solid, sharpened piece of plastic from the arm from a pair of eyeglasses.

Lavelle was charged with:

- Promoting Prison Contraband in the 1st Degree, a Class D Felony

Lavelle was processed at the Broome County Correctional Facility and will answer for his charges at the Town of Dickinson Court on a future date.

"Another great job by our Corrections Investigations Team for recovering an item that could easily be used as a weapon," said Sheriff Fred Akshar. "The health, safety and security for all who live and work in the Correctional Facility remains our priority, and our investigations demonstrate time and again that they are up to the challenge and required vigilance to keep our population safe."

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