



# BROOME COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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### Three Charged with Grand Larceny after Vehicle and Trailer Theft

(BINGHAMTON, NY) Three individuals are facing 16 felony charges after being apprehended by Broome County Sheriff's Deputies following the theft of a vehicle and trailer in the Town of Binghamton.

On April 11, 2023, Broome County Sheriff's Deputies responded to the reported theft of a 2022 Chevrolet Silverado truck towing a trailer containing a zero turn lawn mower on Mill St. in the Town of Binghamton. The truck's owner reported the truck stolen after viewing the crime through his home's security cameras. The owner then assisted deputies in tracking the truck remotely via the Chevrolet App on his cell phone.

The truck was tracked to Phillips Way in the Town of Binghamton, where witnesses saw three suspects, two males and a female, flee on foot behind a residence and into a creek. Deputies established a perimeter and began searching for the suspects.

As the search began, deputies followed fresh, wet footprints on exposed rock and found the first suspect, Heather Brewer, age 30 of Endicott, hiding in a fetal position in a concave area of the creek bed.

Nearby, other deputies followed the sounds of distressed animals coming from a nearby chicken coop, which led them to find the other two suspects, Joseph C. Schultz, age 38 and Ryan E. White, age 35 of Endicott, hiding behind a garage under a pile of leaves in the backyard of a residence on Locke Dr. After his arrest and on the way to the patrol car, Schultz allegedly attempted to dispose of a clear plastic bag containing 17g of a substance later tested and identified as methamphetamine.

A witness provided deputies with camera footage showing the suspects arriving at the Phillips Way location with the stolen vehicle and a gold sedan before fleeing on foot. Muddy shoe prints in the stolen vehicle matched that of Joseph Schultz, and the suspects' attire matched both the description from witnesses and the suspects in the security videos from the victim and a neighbor.

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The victim's property was recovered and returned, while the suspect's vehicle was impounded for further investigation.

Following the investigation and arrest, the suspects were taken to the Broome County Sheriff's Office Central Arraignment and charged with the following:

**Heather L. Brewer, 30 years old of Endicott:**

- Criminal Liability for Conduct of Another and Grand Larceny in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree, a Class D Felony
- Criminal Liability for Conduct of Another and Grand Larceny in the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree, a Class E Felony
- Criminal Possession of Stolen Property in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree, a Class D Felony
- Criminal Possession of Stolen Property in the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree, a Class E Felony
- Criminal Possession of Stolen Property in the 5<sup>th</sup> Degree, a Class A Misdemeanor
- Petit Larceny, a Class A Misdemeanor
- Conspiracy in the 5<sup>th</sup> Degree, a Class A Misdemeanor

**Ryan E. White, 35 years old of Endicott:**

- Criminal Liability for Conduct of Another and Grand Larceny in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree, a Class D Felony
- Criminal Liability for Conduct of Another and Grand Larceny in the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree, a Class E Felony
- Criminal Possession of Stolen Property in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree, a Class D Felony
- Criminal Possession of Stolen Property in the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree, a Class E Felony
- Criminal Possession of Stolen Property in the 5<sup>th</sup> Degree, a Class A Misdemeanor
- Petit Larceny, a Class A Misdemeanor
- Conspiracy in the 5<sup>th</sup> Degree, a Class A Misdemeanor

**Joseph C. Schultze, 38 years old of Endicott:**

- Two counts of Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree, Class B Felonies
- Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree, a Class C Felony
- Grand Larceny in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree, a Class D Felony
- Two counts of Grand Larceny in the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree, Class E Felonies
- Tampering with Physical Evidence, a Class E Felony
- Criminal Possession of Stolen Property in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree, a Class D Felony
- Criminal Possession of Stolen Property in the 5<sup>th</sup> Degree, a Class A Misdemeanor
- Petit Larceny, a Class A Misdemeanor
- Conspiracy in the 5<sup>th</sup> Degree, a Class A Misdemeanor

Schultze was found to have outstanding warrants for Grand Larceny in the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree, resisting arrest, identity theft and drug charges in the State of Pennsylvania and violating parole in Albany, NY.

Broome County Sheriff Fred Akshar said, “I applaud the outstanding policework performed by our Broome County Sheriff’s Office Road Patrol and Detectives divisions and the community members who stepped up and assisted with the investigation. The teamwork on display on both sides of the uniform led to a quick resolution in this theft and justice being served.”

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