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Multiple Charges Following Latest Sweep at Correctional Facility

(TOWN OF DICKINSON) A sweep of multiple housing pods led to three arrests and multiple contraband charges at the Broome County Sheriff's Correctional Facility this week.

On April 21, 2023, investigators from the Broome County Sheriff's Office conducted a surprise sweep at the facility, searching a housing unit and a medical unit for narcotics and identified several incarcerated individuals hiding various contraband, including narcotics in their cells.

Among the evidence recovered was:

- Heroin-like substance that tested positive for Fentanyl along with drug paraphernalia
- A bladed "shank" weapon
- A pen stolen from a Corrections desk

With the investigation complete, the following charges have been issued:

Justice Marimberga, age 21 of Binghamton, NY

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

Investigators received information that a bladed weapon was in Marimberga's cell. The Sheriff's Emergency Response Team (SERT) was activated and found the weapon on the left side of his bunk. This is Marimberga's third arrest since entering the Correctional Facility.

Marimberga was previously charged with:

- Criminal Liability for Conduct of Another and Criminal Possession Controlled Substance in the 3rd degree, a Class B Felony
- Criminal Liability for Conduct of Another and Criminal Sale of a Controlled Substance in the 3rd degree, a Class B Felony
- Criminal Liability for Conduct of Another and Criminal Possession Controlled Substance in the 4th degree, a Class C Felony

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- Criminal Liability for the Conduct of Another and Promoting Prison Contraband in the 1st Degree, a Class D Felony
- Conspiracy in the 4th degree, a Class E Felony

Marimberga was already incarcerated for previous charges, which include:

- Attempted Murder in the 2nd degree, a Class A felony
- Assault in the 1st degree a Class B felony
- Assault in the 2nd degree a Class D felony
- Burglary Causing an Injury in the 1st degree a Class B felony
- Robbery in the 1st degree a Class B felony
- Forcible theft with injury in the 1st degree, a Class B felony

John Turner, age 46 of Kennestone Cobb, GA

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

While SERT was activated, investigators conducted a search of cells in the medical unit. When questioned by officers, inmate John Turner informed them of a bag containing heroin residue and drug paraphernalia. The bag was collected and the contents tested positive for Fentanyl.

Turner is currently incarcerated for Burglary in the 2nd Degree, a Class C Felony.

Joseph C. Schultze, age 38 of Maine, NY

- Promoting Prison Contraband in the 2nd Degree, a Class A Misdemeanor

As part of the SERT activation and search, a hard plastic pen was found in the cell housing Joseph Schultze.

Schultz was previously incarcerated other charges, including:

- Grand Larceny in the 3rd Degree, a Class D Felony
- Grand Larceny in the 4th Degree, a Class E Felony
- Criminal Possession of Stolen Property in the 3rd Degree, a Class D Felony
- Criminal Possession of Stolen Property in the 4th Degree, a Class E Felony

All three individuals were processed and will appear in the Town of Dickinson Court to answer for their charges at a later date.

This sweep was the latest in a series of investigations into narcotics, drug and contraband smuggling at the Correctional Facility, which have led to 21 arrests and dozens of charges since the beginning of the year.

“The results of this week’s sweep underscores the hard work, vigilance and commitment put forth by our investigations unit and the men and women of the Broome County Sheriff’s

Correctional Facility,” said Sheriff Fred Akshar. “Weapons, illegal drugs, narcotics and contraband put lives at risk, and our team will continue to do everything in our power to eliminate any threat to the health, safety and security of our corrections officers and of the incarcerated individuals in their care.”

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