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BROOME COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE PRESS RELEASE **Stolen Vehicle Pursuit Ends in Multiple Felony Weapons and Other Charges**

(TOWN OF MAINE, NY) A Candor man is facing multiple felony weapons and other charges after fleeing law enforcement in a stolen vehicle with a loaded handgun in the Town of Maine.

In the early afternoon of Monday, January 29, 2024, Broome County Sheriff's Deputies responded to reports of a stolen 2015 Chevrolet Silverado pickup truck fleeing law enforcement through the Town of Union. Sheriff's Road patrol located the vehicle on Bradley Creek Road and initiated a traffic stop, but the driver failed to comply and proceeded to flee patrols at a high rate of speed.

The pursuit continued to the intersection of Pitkin Hill Road and Fredericks Road, where the stolen truck slowed down and two juvenile females exited the vehicle into a field on the side of the road.

The vehicle then continued to flee patrols at a high rate of speed, ignoring emergency lights and sirens before getting stuck in a large amount of mud in the front yard of a residence near the corner of Haskins Road and Bradley Creek Road in the Town of Maine. Responding law enforcement then successfully took the driver, Samuel J. Pierce, age 21 of Candor into custody.

Inside the vehicle was a loaded Kimber 9mm handgun. Both the handgun and the pickup truck had been reported stolen from Lawton, Pennsylvania earlier in the day.

Following the investigation, Samuel J. Pierce was charged with the following:

- Criminal Possession of a Weapon, Loaded in the 2nd Degree, a Class C Felony
- Criminal Possession of a Weapon with a Previous Conviction in the 3rd Degree, a Class D Felony
- Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 4th Degree, a Class E Felony
- Criminal Possession of Stolen Property/Vehicle in the 4th Degree, a Class E Felony

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- Criminal Possession of a Firearm/Knife in the 4th Degree, a Class A Misdemeanor
- Unlawful Fleeing a Police Office in the 3rd Degree, a Class A Misdemeanor
- Reckless Endangerment in the 2nd Degree, a Class a Misdemeanor
- 17 Various Traffic Violations including Aggravated Unlicensed Operation of a Motor Vehicle with 3 or more open suspensions.

Pierce was also found to have an outstanding warrant out of Tioga County regarding Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance with Intent to Sell. He was arraigned and remanded to the Broome County Correctional Facility

The two juvenile females were found to be in possession of small quantities of Methamphetamine and were charged with Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the 7th Degree before being picked up by their guardians.

The Broome County Sheriff's Office was assisted by the New York State Police and the Endicott Police Department.

Sheriff Fred Akshar said, "Excellent work by our BCSO Road Patrol in bringing this individual to justice safely and responsibly. Thank you to our partners at the NYS Police and Endicott Police Department for their help in getting this individual off our community's roads and into custody."

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