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## **BROOME COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

### **PRESS RELEASE**

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At approximately 2:25 pm on 2/4/22 a Broome County Sheriff's Office Corrections van was stopped in the parking lot of 904 Upper Front St, Town of Dickinson, when it was struck by a vehicle backing out of a parking spot. The corrections officers summoned assistance from deputies and while awaiting their arrival, the suspect vehicle operator backed out of the parking spot again and struck the corrections van a second time before fleeing the scene. Corrections officers were unable to pursue the vehicle and provided responding deputies with the vehicle and operator details.

A short time later, the Sheriff's Office received a call about the same vehicle parked at 650 Old Front St. with a female operator slumped over the steering wheel. Deputies responded and located the female, Lori French, 34 yrs. old of Port Crane, in the driver's seat of the vehicle. Also, in the vehicle was her 3 month old child who was having a medical issue.

The subsequent investigation revealed Lori was operating the vehicle under the influence of drugs and was taken into custody. Her child was transported to Wilson Hospital for evaluation and released to a family member.

Drug Recognition Expert's from the Sheriff's Office and NY State Police responded to conduct further evaluation of Lori.

Lori was charged with the following:

- V&T Law      **Aggravated DWI with child under 16, prior conviction in 10 yrs.  
Class D Felony**
- V&T Law      **DWAI Drugs, 2 prior convictions in 10 years  
Class D Felony**
- V&T Law      **Leaving the scene of a property damage accident  
Infraction**
- Penal Law     **Endangering the Welfare of a Child  
Class A Misdemeanor**

Lori was taken to Broome County Central Arraignment to be arraigned before a magistrate on the charges. NY State Police assisted with the investigation.