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

### **Multiple Felony Drug Charges in the Town of Owego**

(OWEGO, NY) An Apalachin man is facing felony drug charges after a joint operation by law enforcement in two counties recovered over \$4,000 worth of Fentanyl in Owego.

This week, the Broome County Special Investigations Unit Task Force and the Tioga County Sheriff's Office executed a narcotics search warrant at a residence on Pennsylvania Ave. in the Town of Owego. Search warrant targeted Bienvenido J. Aponte, age 33 of Apalachin, who was in the residence at the time.

During the execution of the search warrant, police recovered the following evidence:

- 43.2 Grams of Fentanyl (Approximately 1.5 ounces, with an estimated street value of over \$4,000)
- \$4,831 in US Currency
- Multiple scales, cutting agents, and packaging materials used for weighing, cutting, and packaging narcotics for sale

According to the United States Drug Enforcement Administration, as little as 2 milligrams of Fentanyl can be fatal, depending on the size of the victim. The amount recovered equates to as many as 21,000 fatal doses of Fentanyl, depending on the user's tolerance.

Bienvenido J. Aponte was arrested and charged with:

- 2 Counts of Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree, Class B Felonies
- 3 Counts of Criminally Using Drug Paraphernalia in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree, Class A Misdemeanors

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Aponte was arraigned in Tioga County before being transferred to the Colchester Police Department in Delaware County on a separate arrest warrant. He is scheduled to answer for the above charges at a later date in the Town of Owego Court.

The Broome County Special Investigations Unit Task Force would like to thank the Tioga County Sheriff's Office for working in collaboration for the execution of this search warrant and the arrest of Bienvenido Aponte.

The Task Force is comprised of members of the Broome County Sheriff's Office, the City of Binghamton Police Department, and the Village of Johnson City Police Department.

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