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

### **PRESS RELEASE**

**February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021**

During the early morning hours of Monday, February 1, 2021, Deputies responded to the area of State Route 17 at exit 77 in the Town of Windsor for a report of disabled vehicle. When Deputies arrived on scene, they located a 2019 Kia passenger vehicle stuck and unable to move on the snow-covered shoulder of the roadway. There were three occupants in the vehicle, identified as 21-year-old Jayvann Chaney of the Bronx, N.Y., 21-year-old Sindy Quezada of the Bronx, N.Y. and 27-year-old Gabriel Veras of Syracuse, N.Y. and they were traveling from the Bronx to Syracuse. Deputies found the registration to the vehicle was suspended and a strong odor of marijuana emanating from the interior of the vehicle. Upon further investigation, rolling papers and marijuana cigarette blunts were located in the center console area.

Further investigation revealed over fifteen (15) pounds of marijuana in the trunk, numerous packages of edible THC in the form of chocolate bars and gummy candy and approximately one ounce of powder cocaine. The three occupants were transported to the Sheriff's Office headquarters for further investigation. The vehicle was towed from the highway. Gabriel Veras was ultimately charged with the offenses listed below and, due to current bail reform statutes, was released on appearance tickets and directed to appear in the Town of Windsor at a later date.

NYS Penal Law Criminal possession of a controlled substance 2<sup>nd</sup> degree, a class A-II felony  
NYS Penal Law Criminal poss. of a controlled substance 4<sup>th</sup> degree, a class C felony (4 counts)  
NYS Penal Law Criminal possession of marijuana 1<sup>st</sup> degree, a class C felony