

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

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## <u>Motorcyclist Charged for Reckless Driving, Fleeing Police Near Binghamton</u> <u>School</u>

(BINGHAMTON, NY) A Binghamton man has been charged with Unlawful Fleeing, Reckless Driving and more after driving recklessly on sidewalks in the City of Binghamton.

In the early hours of Friday, October 13, 2023, Sheriff Deputies observed the operator of black Yamaha motorcycle driving recklessly on the sidewalk and on the grounds of Calvin Coolidge Elementary School in the Robinson Street area of the City of Binghamton.

Due to the reckless operation of the motorcycle, Sheriff's Road Patrol attempted to initiate a traffic stop, at which point the motorcycle sped away, ignoring stop signs and driving West bound into oncoming traffic lanes on Court Street. The male operator of the motorcycle and his female passenger continued to attempt to evade law enforcement, crossing traffic lanes, down sidewalks and through a fence on Howard Avenue near a pedestrian.

A short time later, the motorcycle was found hidden behind a dumpster at near 217 Robinson Street and both the operator and passenger were located walking nearby. The subsequent investigation revealed that Anton K. Becker-Harris, age 20 of Binghamton was the operator of the motorcycle.

Becker-Harris was taken into custody without incident and charged with the following:

- Unlawful Fleeing an Police Officer in a Motor Vehicle in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree, a Class A Misdemeanor
- Driving a Motor Vehicle Without a License, a Violation
- Reckless Driving, a Violation
- Failing to Stop at a Stop Sign, a Violation
- Driving a Motor Vehicle On/Across a Sidewalk, a Violation
- Moving from a Lane Unsafely, a Violation

Becker-Harris was brought to intake, processed without incident and the responding deputy provided him with a ride back to his address with his court paperwork.

Sheriff Fred Akshar said, "We've seen far too many injuries and sadly, deaths this year due to motorcycle accidents, and I commend our Road Patrol Deputies for working hard everyday to keep our roads safe and prevent tragedies before they occur."

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