

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

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## Port Crane Man Charged with DWI and Resisting Arrest in the Town of Colesville

(PORT CRANE, NY) A Port Crane man is facing multiple charges, including Driving While Intoxicated and Resisting Arrest following a domestic incident in the Town of Colesville.

In the early morning hours on Thursday, February 8, 2024, Sheriff's Deputies responded to a report of a domestic incident at a residence at 90 Circle Drive in the Town of Colesville. Upon the deputies' arrival, Robert J. Bertram, age 22 of Port Crane, NY pulled into the driveway behind the patrol car, exited his vehicle and began yelling at other residents at the scene.

Witnesses reported that Bertram had consumed a large amount of alcohol during the course of the evening, became angry, and proceeded to leave and return to the residence multiple times throughout the night, each time causing disturbances, throwing objects and repeatedly harassing the residents.

During the initial investigation, Bertram continued yelling, displaying aggression, and making several attempts to approach the other parties at the scene. Bertram also displayed poor balance and several other signs of intoxication, freely stating multiple times to patrols that he was drunk. After repeatedly ignoring both verbal commands and efforts by patrols to deescalate the situation and separate the parties involved, Bertram was arrested. During the arrest, Bertram was combative, refused to cooperate and fought with patrols until he was successfully placed into custody and transported to the Broome County Sheriff's Office for processing.

While in custody at the BCSO, Bertram refused all sobriety and chemical tests. He continued to act aggressively and erratically, repeatedly shouting, screaming, throwing shoes and his belt around a holding room and at one point removed all of his clothes.

Following the investigation, Robert Bertram was charged with the following:

General Information: (607) 778-1911

Fiscal: (607) 778-2928

Garnishees: (607)778-2926

Civil: (607)778-2145

**Identification:** (607)778-2924

Records: (607)778-2166

- Driving While Intoxicated, a Misdemeanor
- Obstructing Governmental Administration in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree, a Class A Misdemeanor
- Resisting Arrest, a Class A Misdemeanor
- Harassment in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree (Physical Contact), a Violation
- Moving from a Lane Unsafely, a Violation
- Unsafe Starting, a Violation
- Refusing to Take a Breath Test, A Violation

Bertram was arraigned at Central Arraignment and released on an appearance ticket to answer for his charges at the Town of Colesville Court later this month.

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