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Armed Robbery Leads to 20 Felony Charges in Town of Chenango

(TOWN OF CHENANGO, NY) Two Broome County residents are facing 20 felony charges after being apprehended by Broome County Sheriff's Deputies following an armed robbery in the Town of Chenango that led to an extended vehicle and foot pursuit through Johnson City and Endwell.

On March 22, 2023, Broome County Sheriff's Deputies responded to a report of a robbery and assault involving a male and female suspect at a residence on Dimmock Hill Rd. in the Town of Chenango.

Deputies determined that the male suspect, Alex Shoga, age 39 of Binghamton, entered the residence displaying a handgun with a female accomplice, Kristin Silvanic, age 27 of Endicott, with him. Shoga allegedly struck one of the two victims in the residence with the pistol and pointed it at another before he and Silvanic, an acquaintance of the victims, took iPhones, cash and wallets and fled the scene in a grey electric Jeep Wrangler.

One of the victims provided deputies with his tablet, which could track his stolen iPhone and Deputies were able access live location updates of the suspects, who were tracked to the Village of Johnson City.

Deputies converged on the area where the iPhone was tracking and encountered the suspect vehicle on Oakdale Rd. The vehicle then fled, and a pursuit ensued. Deputies pursued the suspects through Watson Blvd. and eventually onto Wayne St. in Endwell, where they observed Shoga jump from the moving vehicle with a pistol in his hand and flee on foot. Silvanic fled from the passenger's side on foot but quickly surrendered to deputies. The vehicle continued rolling, unoccupied, into a nearby building causing minor damage.

Deputies pursued Shoga on foot towards North St. where another responding deputy intercepted the fleeing suspect at gun point and attempted to arrest him. Shoga resisted arrest and fought with additional responding deputies and NYS Troopers, but eventually was taken into custody.

The handgun, an SCCY 9mm pistol, was recovered nearby in a ditch. Shoga sustained a head laceration during the vehicle pursuit and was transported to General Hospital for treatment and subsequent release.

The victim's property was recovered and the electric Jeep Wrangler, a rental vehicle, was impounded for further investigation.

Following the investigation and arrest, the suspects were taken to the Broome County Sheriff's Office Central Arraignment and charged with the following:

Alex Shoga, 39 years old of Binghamton (18 felonies, 4 misdemeanors):

- Two counts of Robbery in the 1st Degree, Class B felonies
- Burglary in the 1st Degree, a Class B Felony
- Two counts of Criminal Use of a Firearm in the 1st degree, Class B felonies
- Robbery in 2nd Degree, a Class C felony
- Two counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree, Class C felonies
- Criminal Solicitation in the 2nd Degree, a Class D felony
- Two counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 3rd Degree, Class D felonies
- Criminal Possession of a Firearm in the 1st Degree a Class E felony
- Unlawful Imprisonment in the 2nd Degree, a Class E felony
- Tampering with Physical Evidence, a Class E felony
- Four counts of Criminal Possession of Stolen Property in the 4th Degree, Class E felonies
- Two counts of Menacing in the 2nd Degree, Class A misdemeanors
- Resisting Arrest, a Class A misdemeanor
- Two counts of Obstructing Governmental Administration, Class A misdemeanors
- Unlawful Fleeing Police in a Motor Vehicle, a Class A misdemeanor

Shoga had <u>previously been arrested</u> by New York State Police in July of 2022 on an Attempted Murder charge, was released in August before being arrested again in November of 2022 for violating probation and drug charges before being released again in January of 2023.

Kristin Silvanic, 27 years old of Endicott:

- Robbery 1st Degree, a Class B felony
- Criminal Solicitation in the 2nd Degree, a Class D felony

The Sheriff's Office was assisted by NYS Police, Johnson City Police and Endicott Police.

Broome County Sheriff Fred Akshar said, "I applaud the outstanding policework performed by our Broome County Sheriff's Office Road Patrol and thank the New York State Police, Johnson

City Police and Endicott Police for their assistance in safely bringing these individuals to justice. Today's arrests are another example of the deep commitment and dedication our men and women of law enforcement bring to work every single day as they serve, protect and work to build a safer community for all our residents."

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