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BROOME COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE PRESS RELEASE <u>Cortland man charged with DWI after colliding with Broome Sheriff's Office patrol car</u>

(LISLE, NY) A motor vehicle accident in the Town of Lisle led to a Cortland man being charged with driving while intoxicated (DWI) and other charges.

On March 5, 2023, a Broome County Sheriff's Office patrol car was struck from behind by another motor vehicle on Main Street in the Town of Lisle. Additional Sheriff's deputies responded to the accident, conducted the investigation and interviewed the driver, Zackary Kohout, age 26 of Cortland.

During the investigation, Kohout displayed several signs that led law enforcement to suspect intoxication and admitted to deputies that he had been drinking prior to the accident. Multiple alcoholic beverages were also found in his vehicle.

Kohout agreed to begin Standardized Field Sobriety Testing with deputies but refused to finish the test. He was subsequently taken into custody for Driving While Intoxicated. Kohout also refused to submit a breath sample to determine his blood alcohol content.

Following the investigation Zackary C. Kohout was arrested and charged with the following:

- Driving While Intoxicated, a Misdemeanor
- Following Too Closely, a Violation
- Driving at a Speed Not Reasonable & Prudent, a Violation
- Consumption of Alcohol in a Motor Vehicle, a Violation

Kohout was arrested, arraigned and released on an appearance ticket to answer for his charges at the Town of Lisle Court later this month.

The deputy whose patrol car was struck sustained minor injuries and was transported to Wilson Hospital for evaluation. He was subsequently treated and released.

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