

BROOME COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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BROOME COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE PRESS RELEASE <u>Binghamton woman charged with DWI after running over several signs on Route 12</u>

(TOWN OF CHENANGO, NY) A motor vehicle accident on Route 12 in the Town of Chenango led to a Binghamton woman being charged with aggravated driving while intoxicated (DWI) and other charges.

On April 22, 2023at 3:28am, a Broome County Sheriff's Office patrol responded to motor vehicle accident near the Speedway at the intersection of NYS Route 12 and NYS Route 12A in the Town of Chenango. Upon arrival, the responding deputy discovered the driver, Jennifer L. Chamberlain, age 50 of Binghamton, still in the driver's seat of the vehicle as gasoline was leaked out onto the pavement. The deputy was able to coax Chamberlain out of and away from the vehicle while the local fire department responded to the crash and leak.

The investigation showed Chamberlain had been traveling northbound on NYS Route 12 and attempted to make a righthand turn eastbound onto NYS Route 12A, but veered wide left, crossing lanes of traffic. Her vehicle jumped over a raised curb and continued over a mulch bed striking several signposts and bushes before coming to a stop in the gas station parking lot. The broken signposts had ruptured the vehicle's gas tank, leaking several gallons of gasoline across the parking lot.

Chamberlain displayed slurred speech, balance issues and several other significant signs leading law enforcement to suspect intoxication. She also admitted to consuming alcohol at multiple locations before the accident.

The responding deputy began performing Standardized Field Sobriety Testing on Chamberlain, but due to significant balance issues, the onsite test was discontinued for safety purposes and readministered at the Broome County Sheriff's DWI processing room. Chamberlain provided a breath sample to determine her BAC, which was measured to be 0.27%, over 3x the legal limit.

A DMV check showed Chamberlain's vehicle registration was expired and her driver's license was suspended in 2022.

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Following the investigation, Jennifer L. Chamberlain was arrested and charged with the following:

- Driving While Intoxicated 1st Offense, a Violation
- Aggravated DWI with a BAC of 0.18 or more with no priors, a Violation
- Driving at a Speed Not Reasonable & Prudent, a Violation
- Aggravated Unlicensed Operation of a Motor Vehicle in the 3rd Degree, a Violation
- Operated an Unregistered Motor Vehicle on a Highway, a Violation
- Moving from a Lane Unsafely, a Violation
- Making a Right Turn in the Improper Lane, a Violation

Chamberlain was arrested, arraigned and released on an appearance ticket to answer for her charges at the Town of Chenango Court in May.

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