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BROOME COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE PRESS RELEASE <u>New Corrections Criminal Investigation Unit Generates Multiple Felony Arrests</u>

(TOWN OF DICKINSON) The Broome County Sheriff's Office provided an update on the progress of their new Criminal Investigations Unit (CIU) at the Broome County Correctional Facility.

Earlier this year, Sheriff Akshar and Undersheriff Davis announced the creation of a new unit consisting of a supervisor and 2 full-time investigators, including a trained K9 handler dedicated specifically to investigating crimes committed within the jail along with helping prevent the introduction and distribution of drugs and various contraband inside the facility.

Since the full-time division was formally instated in June, the CIU has made 8 arrests resulting in 6 felonies and 3 misdemeanors. The crimes range from assaults within the facility, promotion of contraband, breaking of windows and inmate tablets, to stealing of items from the kitchen.

Arrests and charges made in the first two months since the CIU's full instatement include:

- Glen Troncoso, age 29, for Attempted Assault in the 3rd Degree, a Class B Misdemeanor
- Amanda Rupakus, age 33, for Promoting Prison Contraband in the 1st Degree and Tampering with Physical Evidence, a Class D and E Felony
- Daniel Maldonado, age 54, for Promoting Prison Contraband in the 1st Degree, a Class D Felony
- Corey Warwick, age 45, for Promoting Prison Contraband in the 2nd Degree, a Class A Misdemeanor
- Alex Shoga, age 39, for Criminal Mischief in the 3rd Degree, a Class E Felony
- Taykwann Browne, age 27, for Criminal Mischief in the 3rd Degree, a Class E felony
- Zacheriah Jones-McCombs, age 23, for Promoting Prison Contraband in the 1st Degree, a Class D Felony
- Jon Michael Hall, age 35, for Criminal Mischief in the 4th Degree, a Class A Misdemeanor

The safety and security of our employees, inmates and visitors is our top priority, and I applaud not only the diligence of our new unit, but the hard work and vigilance of all the men and women of the Corrections Division in assisting them in their investigations," said Sheriff Fred Akshar. With the addition of a dedicated K-9 unit to the team, we are in a better position than ever to promote and maintain the safety and security of all those that live and work in the Correctional Facility."

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