

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

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Attempted Burglary and Attempted Murder Investigation in Town of Maine

(TOWN OF MAINE, NY) Two Binghamton Residents are charged with Attempted Burglary and Attempted Murder resulting from a failed home invasion involving gunfire in the Town of Maine.

On Wednesday Evening, August 23, 2023, shortly after 10:00pm, Sheriff Deputies responded to an address on Bradley Creek Road in the Town of Maine for the report of attempted Burglary where shots had been fired.

Upon arrival, responding deputies established that a masked individual had been actively attempting to unlawfully enter the home, and subsequently pointed a firearm at the homeowner. The homeowner then exchanged gun fire in front of his residence with the individual. Two rounds were fired by the homeowner and 8 rounds fired by the assailant. The exchange led to the individual fleeing the location prior to the arrival of patrols.

Broome County Sheriff's Detectives responded to the scene to assist with the investigation, and it was believed that the armed suspect had sustained a gunshot wound during the exchange. The homeowner was uninjured was found to have defended himself and his home within his legal rights. The investigation showed that this attack was not random, and the homeowner was specifically targeted in this incident.

Throughout the investigation, it was determined that Jayvon Phillip, 21 years old of Binghamton, and Rozlyn Warthen, 31 years old of Binghamton, had gone to the home armed with illegal handguns in attempts to burglarize the home. Phillip sustained a gunshot wound to his leg during the incident and was being treated at a local hospital when he and Warthen were arrested.

As a result of the investigation, Jayvon Phillip has been charged with the following:

- Attempted Murder in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree, Criminal Liability for Conduct of Another, a Class B Felony
- Attempted Burglary in the 1<sup>st</sup> Degree, a Class B Felony
- Criminal Use of a Firearm in the 1<sup>st</sup> Degree, a Class B Felony

Rozlyn Warthen has been charged with the following:

- Attempted Murder in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree, Criminal Liability for Conduct of Another, a Class B Felony
- Attempted Burglary in the 1<sup>st</sup> Degree, a Class B Felony
- Criminal Use of a Firearm in the 1st Degree, a Class B Felony

Broome County Sheriff Fred Akshar said, "I'd like to thank the dedicated men and women of the Broome County Sheriff's Office Patrol and Detectives divisions for their quick response and thorough investigation throughout this process to ensure these two individuals were apprehended quickly and efficiently. This case also highlights the right of everyday, law-abiding homeowners to be able to legally defend themselves."

The investigation is currently open and active. If anyone has additional information related to this case, please call the Broome County Sheriff's Office Detectives Division at 607-778-1196 and reference Case 23-19174.

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