

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

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## Felony Charges for Multiple Burglaries in Town of Fenton

(TOWN OF FENTON, NY) A Binghamton man has been charged with burglaries at two residences in the Town of Fenton.

In the early hours of Monday, September 18, 2023, Sheriff Deputies responded to an address on Chenango Street in the Town of Fenton for a Burglary complaint.

Upon arrival, responding deputies established that the homeowner had found an unknown man in a second floor office room of his home around 1:30 AM . The homeowner began yelling for the intruder to leave, at which point the intruder exited the home on foot, traveling toward the intersection of Chenango Street and Nowlan Road.

The homeowner called 911 after discovering that a laptop computer and several other electronics were missing from his residence. The homeowner also discovered that a downstairs window was left ajar with the screen ripped out and a half-eaten Klondike bar was left on the kitchen counter of their home.

Broome County Sheriff's Deputies gathered a description of the intruder, which was then shared with dispatch and other nearby responding units. Minutes later, deputies apprehended an individual matching the suspect's description. In the suspect's possession was a drawstring bag containing the missing laptop and the other items that the victim had reported stolen.

As a result of the investigation, Mitchell L. Paul Jr., age 24 of Binghamton, was arrested and charged with the following:

- Burglary in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree, a Class C Felony
- Grand Larceny in the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree, a Class E Felony
- Criminal Possession of Stolen Property in the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree, a Class E Felony
- Criminal Mischief in the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree, a Class A Misdemeanor

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Paul was taken to Central Arraignment and is currently being held at the Broome County Correctional Facility.

Later that morning at approximately 8:00 AM, Broome County Sheriff's Deputies responded to a separate Burglary complaint at another residence near the above location on Chenango Street in the Town of Fenton. The victim advised responding deputies that some of his belongings, including a lottery ticket and gift cards had gone missing from his vehicle overnight. Responding deputies contacted the investigators handling the 1:30 AM Burglary and confirmed that the missing lottery ticket and gift cards were also among the stolen items found in Mitchel Paul's drawstring bag.

As a result of the new investigation, Mitchel L. Paul Jr. received an additional charge of Burglary in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree, a Class D Felony, while in custody.

Sheriff Fred Akshar said, "Thank you to our community members in the Town of Fenton for working together with our dedicated members of the BCSO team to help bring this individual to justice. As our hardworking detectives conclude their investigations into these burglaries, it's important that our residents stay vigilant, secure points of entry into their homes and cars, and always report suspicious activity to law enforcement."

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