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## **Public Safety Committee Report – January 2018**

### ***Section 1.01 Department Activities:***

- January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018- Sheriff Lansing attended the Opioid Mini-forum at the Tompkins County Health Department to address the current Opioid epidemic challenges.
- January 5<sup>th</sup>- The Criminal Justice Coordinator Interview Team met to discuss interview criteria for the upcoming interviews for the Criminal Justice Coordinator position.
- January 9<sup>th</sup>- Sheriff Lansing attended the opening ceremony for the Basic Academy for Police Officers at Corning Community College to talk about choosing a career path in law enforcement.
- January 10<sup>th</sup>- The Jail Sergeants met for their monthly internal meeting.
- January 11<sup>th</sup>- Sheriff Lansing attended the meeting about the new Raise the Age legislation at the Old Jail Conference room, in order to discuss the affects that the new legislation will have on Tompkins County.
- January 11<sup>th</sup>- Undersheriff Robison attended a meeting with Bangs Ambulance to discuss the use of their services during special operations; i.e. S.W.A.T., C.I.N.T, etc...
- January 12<sup>th</sup>- The Road Patrol Sergeants held their monthly internal meeting.
- January 16<sup>th</sup>- The Administration met with the new members of the Legislative body to introduce themselves, discuss the direction the department is going and gave them a tour of the jail facility.
- January 17<sup>th</sup>, Sheriff Lansing travelled to Albany to meet with the New York State Commission of Corrections to discuss the possibility of renewing the Tompkins County jail variance. After long discussions with the Commission, they denied Sheriff Lansing's request and provided a detailed explanation via official letter.

- January 18<sup>th</sup>- Several members of the Sheriff's Office attended the STOP DWI Advisory board meeting to discuss the award ceremony that was scheduled to take place January 26<sup>th</sup>, as well as discuss monthly general meeting information.
- January 18<sup>th</sup>- The Tompkins County Sheriff's Office held a "Professional Visitors Orientation" for those people who would like to get involved in programs that would be used to benefit incarcerated individuals.
- January 20<sup>th</sup>- Undersheriff Robision attended the Groton Fire Department Banquet.
- January 21-24<sup>th</sup>- Sheriff Lansing attended the New York State Sheriffs' Winter Conference in Albany.
- January 22<sup>nd</sup>- Jail Administration met with Mental Health representatives to discuss the use of new staff for mental health services in the Tompkins County Jail.
- January 23<sup>rd</sup>- Jail staff met with Community Partners to discuss the current jail programs.
- January 24<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>- Corrections Officers Karen McMahon, Kipp Rainbow, Matthew Day and Lisa Siegard attended the Ontario County Sally Port 4.0 Training for the current jail system.
- January 24<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup>- Investigator Timothy Rumsey and Kevin Cowen attended the Background Investigations training offered in Poughkeepsie, NY.
- January 26<sup>th</sup>- The Tompkins County STOP DWI breakfast took place at the Ithaca Hilton. Deputies Zachary Starner and Ken Field received Awards of Excellence. Deputy Eric Willman received the award for Outstanding DWI Officer of the Year. Lastly, the Sheriff's Office received the Agency Award of Excellence.
- January 26<sup>th</sup>- Corrections Officer Darwin Smith celebrated his retirement from the Sheriff's Office after serving as a Corrections Officer since 1995.
- January 27<sup>th</sup>- Sheriff Lansing attended the Lansing Fire Department banquet at the Lakewatch Inn.
- January 29<sup>th</sup>- Several members of the Sheriff's Office attended the Ithaca Kiwanis luncheon at Kendal at Ithaca to honor Deputy Makenzi Alling with the Officer of the Month award for her actions regarding a 2017 child custody case.

- January 29<sup>th</sup>- Several members of the corrections staff attended the CPR/Suicide Prevention/ Medication Pass training at the Department of Emergency Response.
- January 31<sup>st</sup>- Sheriff Lansing, Undersheriff Robison and Lieutenant Donahue met the BOCES to discuss the use of a School Resource Officer.

*Section 1.02 Sheriff's Office Media Releases*

- **DWI Arrest- January 1, 2018**

- On January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018 around 3:51 AM, deputies made a traffic stop on Elmira Rd. in the town of Ithaca. The vehicle, a 2007 Blue Subaru, was being operated by DAKOTA A. DEDREU, age 25, of New Jersey. Upon further investigation during the stop, deputies arrested DEDREU for DWI. DEDREU is to appear in the town of Ithaca Court on January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 4:00 PM.

- **DWI Crash Arrest- January 1, 2018**

- On the above date and time, deputies responded to the 200 block of Banks Road in the Town of Danby for a report of a one car motor vehicle crash. Upon arrival, deputies observed a grey Toyota truck off of the roadway. Deputies searched the immediate area and located the driver of the truck. The driver of the truck was identified as KEVIN K. MILLER, age 26 of Berkshire, NY. Through further investigation, deputies determined that MILLER was intoxicated and arrested MILLER.
- MILLER was charged with two counts of Driving While Intoxicated, Leaving the Scene of a Property Damage Accident and Speed not reasonable and prudent for road conditions. MILLER was released and is to appear in the Town of Danby Court on February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 7:00 PM.

- **Violation of Parole Assist- January 4, 2018**

- On January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at approximately 2:00 PM, members from the Ithaca City Police Department and Tompkins County Sheriff's Office assisted the New York State Parole and U.S. Marshalls with the apprehension of a parolee, DION ROACH, age 37 of 1860 Trumansburg Road, Town of Ulysses. ROACH was located at his 1860 Trumansburg address and has been arrested for violation of his parole terms.
- In addition, CHARLES E. BENNETT, age 38 of North Van Dorn Road of Ithaca was arrested. BENNETT was with ROACH at the time of his arrest

and found to be in possession of crack cocaine. BENNETT was charged with Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance 7<sup>th</sup>, a class A Misdemeanor.

- ROACH is currently being held at the Tompkins County Jail and BENNETT has been issued an appearance ticket to appear in court at a later date.

- **Grand Larceny Arrest- January 6, 2018**

- Deputies responded to 2303 N. Triphammer Road, The Econo Lodge, in the Village of Lansing for a larceny complaint. Upon arrival deputies interviewed a victim who stated that her purse had been stolen from her vehicle. Through further investigation and assistance from the New York State Police, deputies located the purse.
- Deputies arrested EMMANUEL J. MUNDELL, age 34 of Groton, NY. MUNDELL was charged with Grand Larceny in the Fourth Degree, a Class E Felony. MUNDELL was arraigned and remanded to the Tompkins County Jail.

- **Warrant Arrest- January 9, 2018**

- On January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at about 5:00 PM, deputies responded to an address in the Village of Freeville after receiving a tip that a wanted person was on the premise. Upon arrival, deputies positively identified a wanted subject named JOSHUA B GOYETTE (Age 39 of Freeville) in the backyard of the residence. GOYETTE fled on foot, threw a laundry basket at the responding deputy, and pushed the deputy in an attempt to avoid being arrested. GOYETTE was subsequently taken into custody. Deputies were assisted by the New York State Police.
- GOYETTE was arraigned in the Village of Freeville Court on the original Tompkins County Family Court Warrant and additionally on an Obstruction of Governmental Administration charge. GOYETTE was remanded to the Public Safety Building in lieu of \$4,750.00 Cash Bail.

- **Personal Injury Motor Vehicle Accident- January 10, 2018**
  - On January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at about 9:35 PM, the Tompkins County Sheriff's Office responded to Perry City Road near Halseyville Road in the Town of Ulysses for a vehicle verse pedestrian motor vehicle accident. A vehicle was traveling west on Perry City Road and struck a pedestrian who was walking in the roadway. The pedestrian was airlifted to Upstate Trauma Center for treatment. The pedestrian's identity and status are unavailable at this time.
  - The New York State Police, Trumansburg Fire Department, and Trumansburg Ambulance assisted at the scene. The investigation is ongoing.
  
- **DWI Arrest- January 14, 2018**
  - Deputies stopped to check on a Volkswagon pulled over on State Route 366 in the Town of Dryden. Deputies interviewed the driver of the vehicle, CHARLES F. GREER, JR, age 43 of Dryden, NY. Through further investigation, deputies determined that GREER was intoxicated and arrested GREER.
  - GREER was charged with two counts of Driving While Intoxicated. GREER was released and is to appear in the Town of Dryden Court on February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 5:00 PM.
  
- **Felony DWI Arrest- January 14, 2018**
  - Deputies stopped a green Mercury for equipment violations on Whig Street in the Village of Trumansburg. Deputies identified the driver as MATTHEW G. BROSHEARS, age 30 of Trumansburg, NY. Through further investigation, deputies determined that BROSHEARS was intoxicated and arrested BROSHEARS.
  - BROSHEARS was charged with Felony Driving While Intoxicated (Prior conviction within 10 years) and Inadequate or No Stop Lamp or Lamps. BROSHEARS was released and is to appear in the Town of Ulysses Court on February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 6:00 PM.
  
- **CFCU Bank Robbery- January 17, 2018**
  - Lansing, New York – On Wednesday January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at about 4:32 PM deputies from the Tompkins County Sheriff's Office responded to 99 Sheraton Drive the Cornell Federal Credit Union in the Village of Lansing regarding a robbery. Deputies arrived on scene and obtained a description of the incident

from employees and other witnesses in the credit union at the time. The suspect entered the credit union approached employees, displayed a handgun and demanded money. The suspect fled the credit union with an undetermined amount of money. The suspect was last seen running in a northeasterly direction on Sheraton Drive.

- The suspect is described as a black male approximately 6 feet tall, wearing a black hooded sweatshirt, a black in color face mask, khaki or tan pants and dark shoes.
- Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to contact the Tompkins County Sheriff's Office at 607-257-1345 or the Tompkins County Sheriff's Office Anonymous Tip Line at 607-266-5420 or the Tompkins County Communications Center at 607 272-2444.
- **DWI Crash Arrest- January 17, 2018**
  - Deputies responded to a motor vehicle crash at 40 Catherwood Road in the Village of Lansing. Before deputies arrived on scene, the vehicle involved fled the scene and was located and stopped by the Cayuga Heights Police Department. The vehicle, a grey Jeep was driven from the crash scene by CONNER D. BONNIWELL, age 21 of Ithaca, NY. Through further investigation, deputies determined that BONNIWELL was intoxicated and arrested BONNIWELL.
  - BONNIWELL was charged with two Misdemeanor counts of Driving While Intoxicated and Leaving the Scene of a Property Damage Accident. BONNIWELL was released to a sober third party and is to appear in the Town of Lansing Court on February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 9:00 AM.
- **Criminal Possession of Marijuana- January 18, 2018**
  - On January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at approximately 11:13 AM, deputies were on a traffic stop on Peruville Road in the area on Benson Road. While on the traffic stop, deputies observed a pick-up truck passing a semi-truck in a no passing area. The pick-up truck almost caused an accident, due to the semi-truck going around the traffic stop in an unsafe manner.
  - Deputies instructed the pick-up truck driver, who was identified as ANDREW P. MINNICK (age 34 of Ithaca) to pull over. Deputies smelled a strong odor of marijuana coming from the interior of the pick-up truck operated by MINNICK. Also, in the passenger's seat was TIMOTHY M. BREWSTER (age 50 of Ithaca). Deputies searched the pick-up truck and BREWSTER was

arrested for Criminal Possession of Marijuana in the Forth Degree a Class A Misdemeanor. MINNICK was arrested for Criminal Possession in the Third Degree a Class E Felony. Both are to appear Town of Lansing Court on February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 9:00 AM.

- **Public Assistance: Person of Interest- January 19, 2018**

- Lansing, New York – On Wednesday January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at about 4:32 PM deputies from the Tompkins County Sheriff’s Office responded to 99 Sheraton Drive the Cornell Federal Credit Union in the Village of Lansing regarding a robbery.
- We are looking for assistance in identifying a person of interest in relation to the ongoing investigation. The individual appears to be a Caucasian, male, long dark hair, goatee facial hair, and approximately 5’ 10”. He was last seen wearing a black trench coat and sun glasses.
- Anyone with information regarding this incident or identification of this individual is asked to contact the Tompkins County Sheriff’s Office at 607-257-1345, or the Tompkins County Sheriff’s Office Anonymous Tip Line at 607-266-5420, or the Tompkins County Communications Center at 607 272-2444.

- **Narcotics/Methamphetamine Arrest- January 19, 2018**

- On January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 6:58 PM, Tompkins County Sheriff’s Deputies were on patrol on Five Mile Drive in the Town of Ithaca. While on patrol, deputies conducted a traffic stop on 2005 Subaru Legacy for a minor equipment violation. Deputies interviewed the driver, CHRISTINA E. OXLEY, age 40 of Ithaca, NY and the passenger CHRISTOPHER E. TRAWICK, age 40 of Newfield, NY. During the course of the investigation, deputies learned that there were narcotics and narcotic paraphernalia inside the vehicle. Deputies conducted a search which yielded methamphetamine, precursors to manufacture methamphetamine, marihuana amongst several other narcotic related equipment.
- Deputies charged OXLEY with Inadequate Head Lamp (violation), Unlawful Possession of Marihuana (Violation), Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the Seventh Degree (Class A Misdemeanor), Criminal Use of Drug Paraphernalia (Class A Misdemeanor) and Criminal Possession of Precursors to Manufacture Methamphetamine (Class E Felony).

- Deputies charged TRAWICK with two counts of Criminal Use of Drug Paraphernalia (Class A Misdemeanors) and Criminal Possession of Precursors to Manufacture Methamphetamine (Class E Felony).
- Both TRAWICK and OXLEY were released on appearance ticket and ordered to return to the Ithaca Town Court at a later date.
- **Update: Public Assistance: Person of Interest- January 22, 2018**
  - In relation to the robbery that occurred at CFCU on January 17th, 2018, we have identified the white, male individual and he is no longer a person of interest in relation to the case. We would like to thank the community for their continuous support and assistance.
  - Anyone with information pertaining to the robbery itself, or the black, male's identity is encouraged to call the Main Office at 607-257-1345, the Tip Line at 607-266-5420, or the Tompkins County Communications Center at 607-272-2444. Thank you again.
- **False Report Arrest- January 23, 2018**
  - On January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2018 at 6:30 PM, Tompkins County Sheriff's deputies responded to Target, 40 Catherwood Road in the Village of Lansing for a bomb threat. Deputies interviewed employees upon arrival. The employees alleged observing a male enter their store and announce in the direction of employees and other shoppers, that there was a bomb in Target. The male allegedly then walked away into the store.
  - Deputies were able to identify the male who allegedly made the announcement and at the completion of their investigation arrested WILLIAM S. BLECK, age 52 of Dryden, N.Y. BLECK was charged with one count of Falsely Reporting an Incident in the Third Degree (Class A Misdemeanor). BLECK was released on appearance ticket ordering him to return to the Town of Lansing Court at a later date.
  - Deputies did review video footage and determined that there was indeed no bomb left in target.



- **DWI Accident Arrest- January 25, 2018**

- On January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 8:32 PM, Tompkins County Sheriff's deputies, assisted by the New York State Police responded to the 1300 block of Mecklenburg Road in the Town of Ithaca for a personal injury motor vehicle accident. Witnesses reported seeing a vehicle exit the roadway and crash into a house.
- Deputies arrived to find the home owner safe; however, the driver of the vehicle had fled from the scene. During the course of the investigation, Deputies learned that the driver, later identified as MARK S. WARD, age 48 of Newfield, NY had fled from the scene and was in an altercation at Chucks Mobil in the City of Ithaca. Deputies responded and interviewed WARD which resulted in WARD'S arrest from Driving While Intoxicated.
- WARD has been charged with Driving While Intoxicated (Unclassified Misdemeanor), Driving While Intoxicated with a BAC of .08% or Greater (Unclassified Misdemeanor), Aggravated Unlicensed Operation of a Motor Vehicle in the Third Degree (Unclassified Misdemeanor), Unauthorized Use of a Motor Vehicle in the Third Degree (Class A Misdemeanor), Consumption/Alcohol in a Motor Vehicle (Violation), Failure to Keep Right (Violation), Leaving the Scene of a Property Damage Accident (Violation), Failure to use Designated Lane (Violation), Moving From Lane Unsafely (Violation) and Unlawful Possession of Marihuana (Violation).
- WARD was processed and released on appearance ticket and ordered to appear at the Town of Ithaca Court on February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2018 at 9:00 AM.

- **Drug Arrest- January 26, 2018**

- Deputies stopped a grey Nissan for speeding on State Route 13 in the Town of Ithaca. Deputies identified the driver as ALEX S. TURNER, age 21 of Newfield, NY. Through further investigation, deputies located narcotics inside the vehicle.
- TURNER was charged with the Class A Misdemeanor of Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the Seventh Degree. TURNER was released and is to appear in the Town of Ithaca Court on February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 4:00 PM.

- **DWI Arrest- January 26, 2018**

- On January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 9:47 PM, Tompkins County Sheriff's Deputies were on patrol on East Shore Drive in the Town of Lansing. While on patrol, deputies attempted to execute a traffic stop on an older model pick-up truck which was traveling north on East Shore Drive at a high rate of speed. The

vehicle initially failed to yield to the Deputies emergency lights and siren and finally stopped at the intersection with Asbury Road.

- Deputies interviewed the occupants and the driver, identified as Anthony D. Hamilton, age 21 of Freeville, NY. After observing signs of impairment, deputies conducted a DWI Investigation which resulted in Hamilton's arrest for Driving While Intoxicated.
- Hamilton was charged with Speed in State Speed Zone (Violation), Failure to Yield to Emergency Vehicles (Violation), Unsafe Turn (Violation), Unlicensed Operator (Violation), Aggravated Unlicensed Operation of a Motor Vehicle in the Third Degree (Unclassified Misdemeanor), Driving While Intoxicated (Unclassified Misdemeanor) and Driving While Intoxicated with a BAC of .08% or Greater (Unclassified Misdemeanor). Hamilton was processed and released on appearance ticket ordering him to return to the Town of Lansing Court at a later date.

- **Petit Larceny- January 30, 2018**

- On January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 4:36 PM, Tompkins County Sheriff's Deputies, assisted by the New York State Police responded to Tops located at 2300 N. Triphammer Road, Village of Lansing for a Theft Complaint. Deputies interviewed lost prevention officers upon their arrival. Lost prevention alleged observing a female, identified as Lisa E. Wapen, age 31 of Ithaca, NY, steal several grocery items from the store without making any attempts to pay for the items.
- Lost prevention further alleged that Wapen is the same female who stole from the store on January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2018, which was also reported to the Sheriff's Office; however, she had allegedly fled before law enforcement arrived and was never identified.
- Wapen was charged with 2 counts of Petit Larceny (Class A Misdemeanor), processed and released on appearance ticket ordering her to return to the Town of Lansing Court at a later date.

**Section 1.03 Monthly Road Patrol Statistics:**

Total Incidents:	1174
Violation Arrests:	4
Misdemeanor Arrests:	38
Felony Arrests:	8
Active Warrant Arrests:	10
DWI Arrests:	13
Felony DWI Arrests:	3

**Section 1.04 Civil Division Statistics:**

Total Revenue Amount Taken In:	\$76,960.50
Revenue Remitted to Tompkins County Treasurer:	\$8,295.09
Civil Actions Docketed:	170
Civil Papers Requiring Service:	214
Civil Papers Exempt from Fees:	94
Civil Paper Service Attempts Made Through County:	159
Successful Civil Paper Service:	167