Broome County Office of the Sheriff



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The Broome County Sheriff's Office made the following arrest today:

At about 2:30PM today the Broome County Sheriff's Office was notified that a known shoplifter identified as 25-year-old Nicholas Tomassetti was removing property from the Lowe's home improvement store located on Upper Front Street in the Town of Chenango. Shortly thereafter, members of the Sheriff's Office located the vehicle Tomassetti was reported to be operating, a 2003 Toyota Highlander, on Interstate 81 traveling southbound. When a marked patrol car attempted to stop the vehicle, he refused to pull over and a pursuit ensued. The pursuit traveled into the first ward area of the City of Binghamton. Tomassetti eventually pulled into the Saint Michael's parking lot off Clinton St. where he left the vehicle and ran away on foot. Tomassetti climbed a chain link fence and entered the railroad property. He ran west along the railroad tracks. Members of the Sheriff's Office gave chase and pursued him to another chain link fence on the southside of the railroad tracks which he climbed over. Tomassetti ran into the area of the Big Lots parking lot off Glenwood Avenue where he was caught by pursuing deputies and taken into custody.

Tomassetti was found to have four active Bench Warrants out of the City of Binghamton Court for Petit Larceny. He also had a Bench Warrant out of Bradford County, Pennsylvania for Theft of Property. Tomassetti was charged with the offenses listed below. He was taken to the Broome County Sheriff's Office Correctional Facility to await arraignment in the Central Arraignment Part. The vehicle he was operating was towed from the scene. The Broome County Sheriff's Office was assisted by the New York State Police and the Binghamton Police Department.

Arrested: Nicholas F. Tomassetti, 25 years of age Avenue B Johnson City, NY

Charges: <u>NYS Penal Law:</u>

Fugitive from Justice warrant (4) Bench warrants for Petit Larceny Petit larceny, a class A misdemeanor Resisting Arrest, a class A misdemeanor Unlawfully fleeing a Police Officer, a class A misdemeanor Reckless driving, an unclassified misdemeanor

David E. Harder Sheriff