

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

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## BROOME COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE PRESS RELEASE <u>Colesville Man Charged with Rape of Multiple Juveniles</u>

(TOWN OF COLESVILLE) A Colesville man has been charged with rape following an investigation by the Broome County Sheriff's Office.

On November 14, 2024, Broome County Sheriff's Office detectives arrested Byron M. Bump, age 51 of the Town of Colesville, following an investigation into reports of sexual abuse involving multiple juvenile victims.

Earlier this week, detectives received reports detailing years of alleged abuse. Following the investigation, Byron M. Bump was charged with:

- Rape in the 1<sup>st</sup> Degree, a Class B Felony
- Rape in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree (Victim Under 15 Years Old), a Class D Felony
- Attempted Rape in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree (Victim Under 15 Years Old), a Class E Felony

Bump was employed as a school bus driver for the Chenango Valley School District for 6 years. Sheriff's detectives worked with school officials to safely take Bump into custody. Per school district policy, Bump was immediately placed on leave and removed.

At this point in the investigation, the evidence indicates that the above charges were not related to his position as a school bus driver or that the crimes occurred on school property or on a school bus. To protect the identities of the victims, no further details will be released at this time.

If community members have any information regarding this case, they are urged to contact the Broome County Sheriff's Office by calling 607-778-1196.

Sheriff Fred Akshar said, "I commend our Detective Division for their excellent police work in quickly removing this individual's ability to cause further harm to these victims. I'd also like to thank the Chenango Valley School District and Superintendent Larry Dake for assisting in this

investigation and moving swiftly to protect their students."

Bump was taken to Central Arraignment at the Broome County Correctional Facility where he was remanded to the Correctional Facility.

The investigation is currently ongoing.

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