



# BROOME COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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

### **Broome Sheriff Updates Community on October's Criminal Investigation Unit Statistics**

(DICKINSON, NY) Broome County Sheriff Fred Akshar released the latest statistics and activity from the Broome County Sheriff's Office Corrections Division's Criminal Investigations Unit (CIU) for the month of October.

In 2023, the CIU was expanded from a single full-time investigator to an eleven-member team comprised of two full-time investigators, a K9 unit and handler, a Lieutenant, a Sergeant, and five part-time investigators.

“When our administration began in January 2023, our Corrections Division was dealing with rampant instances of contraband and illegal drugs making their way into the Correctional Facility, putting the health and safety of all those living and working there at risk,” said Sheriff Fred Akshar. “We prioritized giving our team the tools they needed to better identify and shut down sources of contraband and illegal drugs. Their outstanding and tireless work has continued to yield positive results.”

In October 2024, the CIU reported the following statistics:

#### **Total Cases: 8**

- Closed by Arrest: 7
- Total Felonies: 14
- Total Misdemeanors: 4
- Total Violations: 0
- Cases generated by tips from CIU: 4

#### **Total Charges: 12**

- Promoting Prison Contraband in the 1<sup>st</sup>: 13
- Promoting Prison Contraband in the 2<sup>nd</sup>: 1
- Assault 2<sup>nd</sup>: 1
- Assault 3<sup>rd</sup>: 2

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**Records:**  
(607) 778-2166

- Tampering: 1

Investigators were assisted by K9 Marley, who joined the CIU in July of 2023 and specializes in drug detection. K9 Marley is a regular presence at Visitation and other areas of the facility and in October, identified a book within an incoming piece of mail that tested positive for illegal drugs.

“I could not be happier with our dedicated investigators in the CIU for all the work they put into keeping our facility as free of contraband as possible,” said Sheriff Akshar. “We will continue updating the public on the great work they do, because while there may always be misguided individuals who try to compromise the health and safety of those living and working in the jail, it’s reassuring to know that they will be found and met with swift and persistent justice by these outstanding investigators.”

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