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15-year-old Minor Faces Multiple Felony Charges

Following Multi-Vehicle Accident in the Town of Chenango

(TOWN OF CHENANGO) A 15-year-old minor is facing several felony charges following an investigation into a multi-vehicle accident that occurred on State Route 12A in the Town of Chenango earlier this week.

Broome County Sheriff's Office released an update on the investigation as well video footage from the accident that occurred on Friday, February 9, 2024 at the intersection of Route 12A and Matthews Road near the Price Chopper in the Town of Chenango.

Charges:

Following extensive investigation, which utilized dashboard camera footage, accident reconstruction specialists, witness reports as well as security footage, a 15-year-old male from the Town of Chenango was charged with:

- Assault in the 1st Degree, a Class B Felony
- Reckless Endangerment in the 1st Degree, a Class D Felony
- Grand Larceny in the 3rd Degree, a Class D Felony

The 15-year-old male had no criminal history. Due to his age, he was released to his family and was issued an appearance ticket to answer for his charges in Family Court at a later date in accordance with New York State law.

Sheriff Fred Akshar said, "This was an entirely avoidable tragedy, and serves as a grim reminder that a series of bad decisions can lead to absolutely horrific outcomes, for individuals of all ages. The fact that this individual is only 15 changes the way the legal system will handle these charges, but our office has requested that every available service and avenue is explored to help ensure he does not become a repeat offender."

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Accident Summary:

On Friday, February 9, 2024, at approximately 8:10 AM, Broome County Sheriff's Office patrols received a report of a stolen Kia SUV in the Town of Dickinson. The vehicle had been left running and unlocked in the driveway of a local residence when the 15-year-old male got in and drove away.

At approximately 8:18 AM, a Sheriff's patrol recognized the stolen vehicle waiting at a stop light at the intersection of W. Service Road and State Route 12A and initiated a traffic stop. Shortly after the Sheriff's deputy approached the vehicle and attempted to speak with the driver, the vehicle sped away through the intersection, turning left and continuing west on Route 12A/Chenango Bridge Road at a high rate of speed, running a red light at the intersection of Route 12A and Kattelville Road.

The responding deputy returned to his vehicle and began to initiate what would ultimately be a short pursuit, with the stolen Kia colliding with two other vehicles at the intersection of Route 12A and Matthews Road less than a mile from the site of the original traffic stop at 8:19 AM and little over a minute before it began.

Accident reconstruction reports show the stolen vehicle had reached a speed of 80-90mph on Route 12A before colliding with the two other vehicles.

The driver of one of the vehicles hit in the accident, a 54-year-old male, sustained serious injuries, including a fractured clavicle, fractured ribs, fractured spine and head injuries, and was transported to UHS Wilson Medical Center for treatment.

The 15-year-old male driving the stolen Kia sustained minor injuries and was treated and released by UHS Wilson Medical Center.

The Broome County Sheriff's Office was assisted by the New York State Police, Chenango Ambulance Services, Inc., Broome Volunteer Emergency Squad, the Chenango Fire Company and the NYS Department of Transportation.

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Link to BCSO patrol dashcam video: <https://youtu.be/00JBbm2X-rk>

Link to video of accident taken by nearby security camera: <https://youtu.be/alujeT3CEPs>