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Four Binghamton Men Arrested on Felony Weapon Charges Back in the Broome County Correctional Facility

(TOWN OF DICKINSON, NY) Four Binghamton men who were arrested earlier this month by the Broome County Sheriff's Office on 11 felony weapons charges have been remanded to the Broome County Correctional Facility following an indictment filed by the Broome County District Attorney's Office in Broome County Court.

Samear N. Wallace, age 19, Johnathan Ayala, age 25, Isaiah N. Johnson, age 21, and Jahliek A. Walker-Coates, age 21, were charged with a total of 11 felony weapons charges following an investigation into gunshots fired in the Town of Dickinson on February 4, 2026.

Shortly after 8:15 PM on Wednesday, February 4, 2026 members of the Broome County Sheriff's Office Strategic Response Group and Road Patrol, Broome County Security Division and Port Dickinson Police Department responded a report of shots fired in the area of the Wittman Lane Watershed in the Town of Dickinson.

Wallace, Ayala, Johnson and Walker-Coates were found to be in possession of four loaded ghost guns, one stolen and loaded handgun and six high-capacity ammunition feeding devices, including a 50-round drum magazine.

The four Binghamton men were charged with a total of 11 felony weapons charges and 5 misdemeanor weapons charges before being arraigned at Central Arraignment Part and remanded to the Broome County Correctional Facility in lieu of \$1,000 bail set by the Town of Dickinson Court. You can read more details on the charges [here](#).

All four males posted bail shortly after arraignment and were released into the community.

On February 12, 2026, the Broome County District Attorney's Office proceeded with an indictment before a Broome County Grand Jury, and on February 17, 2026, the Broome County Court remanded all four back to the Broome County Correctional Facility ahead of their trial.

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“These individuals were found with dangerous illegal and stolen weapons, and it was unconscionable to me that they were let back out in our community in the first place,” said Sheriff Fred Akshar. “I applaud our Broome County Court and Broome County District Attorney’s Office for their work in returning these individuals to where they belonged in the first place. That way, we know they cannot do the community harm as they make their way through the justice system.”

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