Broome County Office of the Sheriff



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MEDIA RELEASE

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On Wednesday, March 16, 2022, Sheriff's Office patrols responded to an address on Patrick Avenue in the Town of Chenango for a report of a man with a handgun menacing another person. It was reported that the man with the weapon had discharged one round from the weapon towards the ground. Responding deputies located and detained 27-year-old Tyler Backus who was reported to have had the handgun. The subsequent investigation determined that Backus was armed with a revolver-style handgun and had approached another person and threatened him. Backus discharged the weapon while in the presence of several witnesses including a minor aged child. Prior to police arrival Backus disposed of the weapon. It was not located. Backus was charged with the offenses listed below and released on appearance tickets returnable to the Town of Chenango Court at a later date. Sheriff's Office personnel were assisted by the New York State Police.

Arrestee:

David E. Harder

Sheriff

Tyler Backus, 27, of Binghamton, NY

Charges:

Reckless Endangerment 1st degree, a felony Menacing 2nd degree, a misdemeanor Endangering the Welfare of a Child, a misdemeanor