

Broome County SIUTF PRESS RELEASE

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**Binghamton Man Charged After Hiding Meth in Cheeto's Bag**

(ENDICOTT, NY) A Binghamton man is facing multiple felony charges after attempting to hide Methamphetamine in a Cheeto's bag in a failed effort to thwart members of the Broome County Special Investigations Unit Task Force (SIU) and the Broome County Sheriff's Strategic Response Group.

On March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025, while conducting an investigation into narcotics activity in the Town of Union and the Village of Endicott, members of the SIU approached Ralph A. Carson, age 29 of the City of Binghamton for questioning. Upon making contact with the task force members, Carson made attempts obstruct and resist the investigators, but was successfully taken into custody.

During the arrest, Carson was found to be in possession of over 5 ounces of Methamphetamine in multiple plastic bags, with one bag hidden in his pocket with the rest hidden in a bag of Cheeto's.

As a result of the investigation, Ralph A. Carson was charged with:

- Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree, a Class A-II Felony
- Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree, a Class B Felony
- Obstructing Governmental Administration in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree, a Class A Misdemeanor
- Resisting Arrest, a Class A Misdemeanor

Carson was arraigned at Central Arraignment Part and remains in custody at the Broome County Sheriff's Correctional Facility.

SIU was assisted by the Broome County Sheriff's Strategic Response Group.

**BROOME COUNTY**  
**SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS UNIT**  
**TASK FORCE**

***BROOME CO SHERIFF***  
***BINGHAMTON POLICE***  
***ENDICOTT POLICE***  
***JOHNSON CITY POLICE***

The Broome County Special Investigations Unit Task Force is comprised of members of the Broome County Sheriff's Office, the Binghamton Police Department, the Johnson City Police Department and the Endicott Police Department.

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