



# BROOME COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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

### **Deposit Man Charged with Burglary After Neighbors Spot Suspicious Vehicle and Footprints in Snow**

(TOWN OF COLESVILLE, NY) A Deposit man is facing burglary and other charges after allegedly breaking into a Colesville residence to steal copper piping while the homeowners were out of town.

On Tuesday, March 3, 2026 at approximately 11:00 PM, Broome County Sheriff's Office Road Patrol deputies responded to a report of a suspicious vehicle parked at a residence on Yarnes Road in the Town of Colesville. Neighbors reported that the homeowners were out of town for the winter, and that no one should be at the house, despite noticing fresh footprints leading from the vehicle to the residence.

Further investigation revealed that the suspicious vehicle, a black Ford Taurus was registered to Christopher J. West, age 44 of Deposit, NY. Responding deputies were able to make contact with the homeowner, who confirmed that no one had permission to be at the residence.

Deputies identified and followed the fresh set of footprints leading to the rear basement entryway, which was found to have been broken. Christopher West was then located in the basement and complied with verbal commands as he was taken into custody without incident.

During the course of the investigation, numerous sections of copper water pipes were found to have been cut out of the basement ceiling, and a pry bar and pipe cutter were found in West's possession.

The Broome County Sheriff's Office coordinated with the Daytona Beach Shores Police Department to collect a voluntary statement and report from the homeowner.

Following the investigation, Christopher J. West was charged with the following:

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**General Information:**  
(607) 778-1911

**Fiscal:**  
(607) 778-2928

**Garnishees:**  
(607) 778-2926

**Civil:**  
(607) 778-2145

**Identification:**  
(607) 778-2924

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

- Burglary in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree, a Class C Felony
- Criminal Mischief in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree, a Class E Felony
- Possession of Burglar Tools, a Class A Misdemeanor

West was processed and brought before Central Arraignment. He remains in custody at the Broome County Correctional Facility.

“Great job by our community members looking out for their neighbors, reporting on suspicious activity, and working with our BCSO deputies to stop a crime in progress,” said Sheriff Fred Akshar. “It takes our entire community working together to make Broome County safer, and this case is a perfect example of the that partnership.”

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