



# BROOME COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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## BROOME COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE PRESS RELEASE

### Traffic Stop Leads to Multiple Felony Drug Charges in Binghamton

(BINGHAMTON, NY) A Conklin man is facing multiple felony drug charges following traffic stop in the City of Binghamton.

On Sunday, March 3, 2024 at approximately 12:10 AM, Broome County Sheriff's Deputies performed a traffic stop on Chenango Street in the City of Binghamton.

The driver, James F. Bell, Jr., age 47 of Conklin, was found to be in possession of 21.7 grams (0.77 oz) of a substance that field tested positive for Methamphetamine along with a scale.

Following an investigation, Bell was arrested and charged with:

- Two Counts of Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance the 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree, Class B Felonies
- Criminal Use of Drug Paraphernalia in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree, a Class A Misdemeanor

While in custody, Bell was found to have concealed on his person an additional 2.7 grams of a crystal-like substance that field tested positive for Methamphetamine.

As a result of the investigation, Bell was additionally charged with Tampering with Physical Evidence, a Class E Felony.

Bell was processed, arraigned and currently remains in custody.

Bell had previously been arrested on February 23, 2024 on two counts of Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance the 7<sup>th</sup> Degree, Class A Misdemeanors, following a traffic stop in the Town of Union and released on an appearance ticket.

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