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BROOME COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE PRESS RELEASE Colesville Man Charged with Multiple Felonies, Burglary

(COLESVILLE, NY) A Colesville man is facing multiple felony charges after robbing a gas station store, attempting to light a gas station employee on fire and other crimes.

Gas Station Robbery and Attempted Arson

On Tuesday, April 9, 2024 at approximately 8:13 PM, Broome County Sheriff's Deputies responded to a report of a robbery in progress at the Sunoco Gas Station / Empire Halal Gyro Food Store on Sova Road in Harpursville, NY.

The subsequent investigation showed that Brody W. Kenyon, age 39 of the Town of Colesville had entered the store and demanded several products, including a zippo lighter and lighter fluid. Upon receiving the lighter, Kenyon proceeded to douse the employee with lighter fluid and attempted to set him on fire. While Kenyon's attempt to burn the victim thankfully proved unsuccessful, the spilled lighter fluid the floor of the store ignited and burned a nearby ATM before extinguishing. Kenyon then stole several items including a light green sweatshirt before exiting the area on foot.

After obtaining a description of Kenyon from the victim, responding patrols began a search for the suspect. Patrols successfully located Kenyon nearby as he walked in a grassy area near I-88 westbound and Martin Hill Road, identifying him in part because he was wearing the same green sweatshirt he stole from the gas station store.

Following the investigation, Brody W. Kenyon was charged with:

- Arson in the 2nd Degree, a Class B Felony
- Assault with Intent to Cause Serious Injury with a Weapon in the 1st Degree, a Class B Felony
- Robbery (Forcible Theft with Instrument) in the 1st Degree, a Class B Felony
- Reckless Endangerment in the 1st Degree, a Class D Felony

General Information: (607) 778-1911

Brody was arraigned at Central Arraignment Part and remains in custody at the Broome County Correctional Facility.

Attempted Burglary

On April 10, 2024, members of the Broome County Sheriff's Office responded to a burglary complaint at the Harpursville Fire Station 432 on Route 7 in the Town of Colesville, approximately a half mile from the gas station robbery. The investigation showed an individual had attempted to enter the fire station the previous night, kicking and substantially damaging several garage bay doors, an individual entry door and breaking an exterior electrical outlet before leaving.

Review of fire station's external security camera footage positively identified Kenyon at the fire station on April 9, 2024 at 7:30pm, approximately 40 min before the gas station robbery, wearing the same clothes he was wearing (with exception of the light green sweatshirt) when he was arrested.

Following a full investigation, Kenyon, still in custody, was also charged with:

- Attempted Burglary in the 3rd Degree, a Class D Felony
- Criminal Mischief in the 4th Degree, a Class A Misdemeanor

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