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

### **Chenango Forks Man Charged for Running Over Individual With Jeep and Fleeing Police**

(CHENANGO FORKS, NY) A Chenango Forks man is facing multiple charges after fleeing police following a dispute in the Town of Fenton, during which witnesses say he ran over a victim with his vehicle.

On Monday, August 26, 2024 at approximately 4:39 PM, Broome County Sheriff's Office Road Patrol a responded to a 911 call regarding a dispute involving multiple individuals and a firearm in the area of 266 Pigeon Hill Rd. in the Town of Fenton. The caller advised that one of the involved parties had been fighting with multiple individuals before leaving in a red Jeep Grand Cherokee and returning to the Pigeon Hill Rd. residence.

Upon arrival, patrols found Matthew W. Penny, Sr., age 41 of Chenango Forks, NY, in the driver's seat of a red Jeep Grand Cherokee parked in the driveway. Penny ignored commands by patrols to exit the vehicle, instead driving around a patrol car and leaving the area.

While assessing the situation, responding deputies learned of a female victim inside the residence with injuries from being hit by Penny's vehicle and called for emergency medical services. EMS was then dispatched and transported the victim to Wilson Hospital for her injuries.

Witnesses stated that Penny engaged in a verbal and physical dispute with multiple family members and individuals known to him at the Pigeon Hill residence. Penny was asked to leave multiple times and refused, making violent threats and at one point having to be restrained, according to witnesses.

Penny had been recklessly operating his vehicle, striking a large wooden train in the yard, according to witnesses. One of the individuals involved then retrieved a shotgun from the residence in an effort to get Penny to leave, at which point Penny began driving away, dragging a female victim that was attempting to enter the vehicle and leave with him, witnesses said. The

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victim reported that Penny stopped, and then backed the jeep over her before driving away.

While Broome County Sheriff's deputies responded to the residence where the incident took place to work with victims and witnesses, other patrols met the fleeing Penny at his address on Route 79B in the Town of Fenton, where they observed him running inside his residence and locking the door. Patrols located Penny inside the residence, where he was taken into custody.

Following an investigation, Matthew W. Penny, Sr. was charged with:

- Reckless Endangerment in the 1<sup>st</sup> Degree, a Class D Felony
- Assault in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree, a Class A Misdemeanor
- Unlawful Fleeing a Police Officer in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree, a Class A Misdemeanor

Penny was transported to Central Arraignment Part for arraignment and subsequently released to appear at a later date in the Town of Fenton Court.