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## **BROOME COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE PRESS RELEASE** **Felony Charges Following Fatal Hit-and-Run in the Town of Dickinson**

(TOWN OF DICKINSON, NY) An Endicott man is facing multiple felony charges after fatally striking a man in the Town of Dickinson and fleeing the scene.

On Monday, September 9, 2024, at approximately 9:29 PM, the Broome County Sheriff's Office Road Patrol responded to a report of a man lying on the side of the road near the intersection of Upper Front St. and Bevier St. in the Town of Dickinson. Sheriff's deputies and a Broome County Security Officer arrived on the scene and located the male, who had sustained significant injuries.

Responding deputies and the security officer provided life-saving measures, but due to the extent of the injuries, the victim, Jamel Smalls, age 43 of Binghamton, NY, was declared deceased at the scene.

The initial investigation determined that Smalls had been struck by a vehicle, which had fled the scene, leaving debris from the collision behind. Broome County Sheriff's Detectives and Accident Reconstruction Unit responded to the scene to assist patrols.

During the course of the investigation, information was received regarding the location of a possible suspect vehicle in the Town of Maine. This information ultimately led to the discovery of the vehicle involved and the operator, Christian A. Rogler, age 21 of Endicott, NY. Rogler was detained and brought to the Broome County Sheriff's Office for further investigation. He displayed signs of impairment, and a Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) responded to conduct an assessment.

The investigation revealed that Rogler was traveling south on Upper Front St. at the intersection of Bevier St. when he struck the Smalls in the crosswalk of Upper Front St. Rogler did not stop to check on Smalls and continued to his destination, despite having significant damage to his vehicle and his acknowledgement of striking a pedestrian. Investigators determined that Rogler was impaired by drugs while operating the vehicle when he struck Smalls. Rogler also

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possessed methamphetamine on his person when he was detained.

Following the investigation, Christian A. Rogler was charged with:

- Vehicular Manslaughter in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree, a Class D Felony
- Leaving the Scene of a Fatal Motor Vehicle Accident, a Class D Felony
- Driving while Impaired (Drugs), a Misdemeanor
- Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the 7<sup>th</sup> Degree, a Class A Misdemeanor

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

“Our deep condolences go out to the family of Mr. Smalls, as there is nothing that can undo their loss,” said Sheriff Fred Akshar. “Amidst this senseless tragedy, I pray that they might take some solace in the efforts of our team of investigators to swiftly bring the fleeing perpetrator of this crime to justice. I could not be prouder of their tireless and thorough police work in solving this case. I also want to thank our community members for responding to this tragedy and providing vital information to help our investigators quickly bring this case to a close.”

The Broome County Sheriff's Office was assisted by the Broome County Government Security Division, Broome Volunteer Ambulance and the New York State Department of Transportation.

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