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<u>Correctional Facility Search by Corrections Investigations Team</u> Leads to 14 Felony Charges for Incarcerated Binghamton Man

(TOWN OF DICKINSON, NY) The Broome County Sheriff's Corrections Investigation Unit (CIU) successfully recovered multiple weapons and contraband within the Correctional Facility, leading to 14 felony charges for a Binghamton man already charged with burglary.

On September 9, 2025, the CIU, acting on intelligence regarding possible contraband, entered one of the male housing units and conducted a search within the living quarters of Robert J. Swartz, age 48 of Binghamton, NY, who was recently arrested by City of Binghamton Police in and charged with Burglary in the 1st Degree.

During the search, multiple dangerous items and instruments were recovered, and following the investigation, Robert J. Swartz was charged with:

- Six (6) Counts of Promoting Prison Contraband in the 1st Degree, a Class D Felony
- Five (5) Counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 3rd Degree, a Class D Felony
- Two (2) Counts of Tampering with Physical Evidence, a Class E Felony
- Criminal Mischief in the 3rd Degree, a Class E Felony
- Two (2) Counts of Promoting Prison Contraband in the 2nd Degree, a Class A Misdemeanor
- Obstruction of Governmental Administration in the 2nd Degree, a Class A Misdemeanor

Swartz was processed and arraigned at Central Arraignment Part.

"Outstanding work by our Corrections Investigations Team in swiftly recovering items that could easily have been used as weapons," said Sheriff Fred Akshar. "We continue to see our targeted investments in the Correctional Facility paying off. This investigation should serve as a clear message to anyone considering an attempt to compromise the health, safety and security of those working and living in the Broome County Correctional Facility: You will be found and

held accountable for your crimes."

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