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Strategic Response Group Traffic Stop Leads to Three Arrests and 12 Felony Weapon and Drug Charges

(BINGHAMTON, NY) Two Binghamton men and a Johnson City woman are facing a dozen felony weapon and drug charges following a traffic stop by the Broome County Sheriff's Strategic Response Group (SRG) in the City of Binghamton.

On Wednesday, September 4, 2024 at approximately 10:00 PM, Broome County Sheriff's SRG conducted a routine traffic stop in the area of 178 Matthews Street in the City of Binghamton.

Patrols determined that the vehicle had no insurance, was unregistered, uninspected and all three occupants had suspended driving privileges. During the course of the investigation, deputies observed a pistol partially concealed on the floor of the vehicle, ultimately leading to the recovery of a loaded Springfield XD-40 .40 caliber handgun.

A subsequent search of the vehicle revealed a plastic bag containing 8.9 grams of a clear, crystal-like substance that later tested positive for methamphetamine, as well as a digital scale.

None of the individuals claimed ownership of the loaded firearm, methamphetamine or scale.

Following the investigation, the three occupants were arrested with the following charges:

The driver, Stanley S. Conklin, age 26 of Binghamton, NY, was charged with:

- Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the 3rd Degree (Methamphetamine with Intent to Sell), a Class B Felony;
- Criminal Possession of a Loaded Firearm in the 2nd Degree, a Class C Felony;
- Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 3rd Degree (W/Previous Conviction), a Class D Felony;
- Criminal Possession of Stolen Property in the 4th Degree (Firearm), a Class E Felony;
- Criminal Use of Drug Paraphernalia in the 2nd Degree, a Class A Misdemeanor; and
- 10 Traffic Violations.

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One of the passengers, Jorge M. Cortina, age 39 of Binghamton, NY, was charged with:

- Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the 3rd Degree (Methamphetamine with Intent to Sell), a Class B Felony;
- Criminal Possession of a Loaded Firearm in the 2nd Degree, a Class C Felony;
- Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 3rd Degree (W/Previous Conviction), a Class D Felony;
- Criminal Use of Drug Paraphernalia in the 1st Degree, a Class D Felony; and
- Criminal Possession of Stolen Property in the 4th Degree (Firearm), a Class E Felony.

The other passenger, Christen V. Sterling, age 31 of Johnson City, NY, was charged with:

- Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the 3rd Degree (Methamphetamine with Intent to Sell), a Class B Felony;
- Criminal Possession of a Loaded Firearm in the 2nd Degree, a Class C Felony;
- Criminal Possession of Stolen Property in the 4th Degree (Firearm), a Class E Felony; and
- Criminal Use of Drug Paraphernalia in the 2nd Degree, a Class A Misdemeanor.

All three individuals were transported to Central Arraignment Part for arraignment and are currently in custody at the Broome County Sheriff's Correctional Facility.

The Broome County Sheriff's Office was assisted in the investigation by the Binghamton Police Department.

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Background on the SRG:

Activated in June 2024, the Broome County Sheriff's Office Strategic Response Group is comprised of a versatile team of deputies charged with targeting quality-of-life concerns and safety needs of communities across Broome County. The team primarily focuses on concerns that may not be adequately addressed or not addressed in a timely manner due to high volume of calls for service for normal patrol deputies.

Utilizing statistical and crime-mapping data from the Southern Tier Crime Analysis Center in Binghamton, the SRG is able to identify and respond to reoccurring issues and activity, or "hot spots" in communities throughout Broome County.

These quality-of-life issues include, but are not limited to:

- Areas with a high numbers of speeding vehicles or repeat traffic complaints;
- Frequent or repeated narcotic activities (vehicle and foot traffic in particular areas);
- Persistent or complex calls for service that require greater intervention and solutions;
- Susceptible facility or building checks to prevent property crimes;
- Intervention techniques with persistent criminal offenders;

- Collaboration with community partners to intervene with individuals with substance use disorders;
- Engagement with homeless persons and connecting with services; and
- Targeted enforcement of high crime areas, especially those experiencing gun and gang-related violence.

In addition to statistical crime data, SRG utilizes input from community members, collaboration with community partners, and tips from the community to deploy resources efficiently and effectively to address these issues through a variety of techniques, intervention, and enforcement. Through flexible scheduling, the SRG operates at different times of day depending on community needs.