



# DELAWARE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

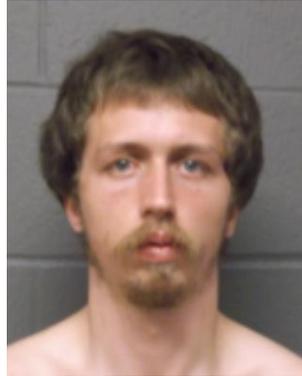
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## PRESS RELEASE

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Jesse E. Papas

A Village of Stamford Probationer was arrested on a Probation Violation Warrant after being tracked for miles through the woods by Delaware County Sheriff's Office K-9 "Ozzie", Sheriff's Deputies, Probation Officers and a New York State Environmental Conservation Officer.

Jesse E. Papas, 25, of Stamford fled from a window of his residence and ran into the woods, without footwear, as Probation Officers attempted to execute their warrant Friday morning.

Sergeant John Demeo and K-9 "Ozzie", along with other Sheriff's Deputies and Investigators, responded to the area to assist Probation Officers in their search for Papas.

Papas was tracked by K-9 "Ozzie", followed by Deputies, a Probation Officer and an Environmental Conservation Officer and was taken into custody, without resistance, near Kemper Mountain Road in the Schoharie County Town of Gilboa. Tracking was extremely difficult due to the snow pack remaining on the mountain and was further complicated by Papas' size and weight which allowed him to move through the snow leaving very few tracks in the frozen snow. Ozzie's outstanding tracking and apprehension abilities proved invaluable in apprehending Papas whom likely would have sustained hypothermia or frostbite if not apprehended by K-9 "Ozzie".

Upon reaching the roadway, Papas was transported to A.O. Fox Memorial Hospital, Oneonta, by the Grand Gorge Emergency Squad for medical evaluation due to his prolonged exposure to the cold and snow wearing limited clothing and no footwear.

Upon his release from Fox Hospital, Papas was arraigned in the Town of Davenport Court where he has been charged with Violation of Probation relating to a prior conviction for Criminal Possession of Stolen Property in the Fifth Degree. Papas has also arrested and charged with Resisting Arrest as a result of fleeing from Probation Officers and Deputies.

Papas was remanded to the Delaware County Correctional Facility without bail pending his next scheduled court appearance on April 14.