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A Bronx, NY, man was arrested in the Town of Davenport Tuesday morning and charged with possessing narcotic drugs with intent to sell following a collaborative investigation by members of the Delaware County Sheriff's Office, Oneonta City Police Department and New York State Police at Oneonta.



Pate Balde, 21, was arrested at the Rock Inn Motel on State Highway 23, Oneonta, and charged with two class B felony charges of Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the Third Degree and Unlawful Possession a Marihuana, a violation. Balde is accused of possessing heroin and cocaine with intent to sell the same from the motel room.

A search of the motel room by law enforcement officers and Delaware County Sheriff's Office' canine "Ozzie" led to the seizure of (65) bags of heroin, (17) individual "wraps" of crack cocaine, approximately (2) grams of powder cocaine, a small quantity of marihuana and more than \$1000 cash.

Balde was arraigned before Judge Lamport in the Town of Stamford Court where he was remanded to the Delaware County Correctional Facility in lieu of \$150,000 cash bail pending further court proceedings.

Undersheriff Craig DuMond remarked "The Delaware County Sheriff's Office will continue to collaborate with its federal, state and local enforcement colleagues in its tireless and unrelenting commitment to bring justice to drug dealers who continue to poison our families and destroy our communities. These law enforcement partnerships are vital to identifying, arresting and prosecuting drug dealers who have no geographical limitations and are more frequently staying in one community and distributing their drugs in



another community to avoid detection and prosecution.

The Sheriff's Office also pledges to continue its collaboration with the Delaware County District Attorney's Office to ensure that these drug dealers are aggressively prosecuted and their seized drug monies are forfeited to the Sheriff's Office to be utilized in the furtherance of our mission to rid our communities of these deadly drugs and those who indiscriminately sell them for personal financial gain.”