



BROOME COUNTY SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS UNIT TASK FORCE

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SIU Investigation in Vestal Leads to Felony Drug and Weapons Charges

(VESTAL, NY) On January 24, 2024, with the assistance of the METRO SWAT Team and the Vestal Police Department, the Broome County Special Investigations Unit Task Force executed a search warrant at 1 Wakeman Rd. in the Town of Vestal.

The target of the search warrant was Daontay Stephenson, age 34 of Vestal, who was present during the execution of the warrant. Also present was Willie Mims, age 56 of Vestal.

During the search, the following items of evidence were located:

- 175.1 grams of Fentanyl Pills (Approximately 6.176 ounces)
- 24.7 grams of Powder Cocaine
- 3.9 grams of Crack Cocaine
- 17 green pills that were determined to be Oxycodone Hydrochloride, a Schedule II Controlled Substance
- Scales and packaging used to distribute narcotics
- A Citadel Warthog 12-gauge shotgun
- A loaded high-capacity .223 magazine
- Assorted ammunition
- \$1,068 in US currency

Following the search, both Stephenson and Mims were transported to the Broome County Sheriff's Office. While in an interview room, Stephenson tampered with evidence by destroying Acetaminophen/Oxycodone Hydrochloride pills that were secreted down his pants.



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As a result of the investigation, Daontay A. Stephenson and Willie C. Mims were arrested and charged with the following:

Daontay A. Stephenson, age 34 of Vestal, NY

- Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the 2nd Degree, a Class A-II Felony
- Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the 3rd Degree, a Class B Felony
- 2 Counts of Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the 5th Degree, Class D Felonies
- 2 Counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 3rd Degree, Class D Felonies
- Tampering with Physical Evidence, a Class E Felony
- Promoting Prison Contraband in the 1st Degree, a Class D Felony
- Two Counts of Criminally Using Drug Paraphernalia in the 2nd Degree, Class A Misdemeanors

Willie C. Mims, age 56 of Vestal, NY

- Three Counts of Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the 3rd Degree, Class B Felonies
- Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the 4th Degree, a Class C Felony
- Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 3rd Degree, a Class D Felony
- Criminally Using Drug Paraphernalia in the 2nd Degree, a Class A



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Misdemeanor

Stephenson and Mims were transported to the Broome County Correctional Facility for processing and to await arraignment at Central Arraignment.

The Broome County Special Investigations Unit Task Force is comprised of the Broome County Sheriff's Office, the City of Binghamton Police Department, and the Village of Johnson City Police Department.

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