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Binghamton Man Faces 14 Felony Charges Following Forged Check Cashing Spree

(TOWN OF DICKINSON, NY) A Binghamton man has been charged with 14 felonies after cashing forged checks at multiple locations around Broome County.

A joint investigation by the Broome County Sheriff's Road Patrol and Detective Divisions resulted in the arrest of Thomas E. Jones, age 55 of Binghamton, NY for cashing a total of 8 forged checks at multiple banks and credit unions, stealing a total of \$5,218.70 from multiple Broome County residents.

Over the past month, the Broome County Sheriff's Office had been investigating a series of reports of forged checks starting in late March 2024. The investigation showed that Jones was able to successfully cash forged personal checks at three separate M&T Bank locations and three separate Visions Federal Credit Union locations. The checks appeared to be personal checks from multiple residents from across Broome County, but each of the victims reported having never written a check to Jones or ever even meeting him.

Following an extensive investigation, members of the Broome County Sheriff's Office obtained an arrest warrant for Thomas E. Jones. He was located and charged with:

- 8 Counts of Possession of a Forged Instrument in the 2nd Degree, a Class D Felony
- 5 Counts of Forgery in the 2nd Degree, a Class D Felony
- Grand Larceny in the 4th Degree, a Class E Felony
- Petit Larceny, a Class A Misdemeanor
- Possession of a Forged Instrument in the 3rd Degree, a Class A Misdemeanor
- Forgery in the 3rd Degree, a Class A Misdemeanor

Jones was taken into custody without incident and arraigned at Central Arraignment Part. He remains in custody at the Broome County Correctional Facility.

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“Excellent teamwork by our Road Patrol and Detective Divisions in bringing this individual to justice,” said Sheriff Fred Akshar. “My thanks go out to our local banks and residents for their cooperation and assistance in helping bring an end to this string of forgeries and theft.”

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