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Former Broome-Tioga BOCES Employee Faces Additional Felony Charges for Rape and Criminal Sexual Act

(TOWN OF DICKINSON, NY) A former Broome-Tioga BOCES employee is facing additional felony charges after another juvenile victim was identified during an ongoing investigation into inappropriate conduct with BOCES students.

Earlier this month, Evan J. Thorson, age 51 of Endicott, NY, was charged with Child Endangerment and Official Misconduct, Class A Misdemeanors, after Broome County Sheriff's Office investigators followed up on a referral from the New York State Child Abuse Hotline regarding his conduct as a member of the Broome-Tioga BOCES faculty. Thorson is no longer employed by Broome-Tioga BOCES.

Following the initial investigation and charges, Broome County Sheriff's Office detectives continued pursuing leads, conducting additional interviews, and gathering evidence and witness reports. During the course of the ongoing investigation, BCSO investigators identified an additional juvenile who was involved in an inappropriate relationship with Thorson in 2024.

As a result of the investigation, on Tuesday, January 14, 2026, Thorson was charged with Rape in the 3rd Degree and Criminal Sexual Act in the 3rd Degree, Class E Felonies, before being remanded to the Broome County Correctional Facility.

"Excellent work by our Broome County Sheriff's Office investigators in following through with every lead in the pursuit of justice," said Sheriff Fred Akshar. "Thank you to the members of our community who came forward to assist our detectives in this investigation and helped ensure that this individual entrusted with our community's children is exactly where he belongs."

"We commend the excellent investigative work of the Broome County Sheriff's Office in this ongoing matter," said BOCES Superintendent Rebecca Stone. "We are deeply disturbed by the nature of the charges. We continue to cooperate fully with law enforcement and will support

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their efforts in every possible way. Broome-Tioga BOCES remains committed to fostering a safe, respectful, and supportive environment for all students. We recognize the serious impact this situation may have on our community and are focused on supporting our students, families, and staff during this time.”

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