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BROOME COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE PRESS RELEASE **Chenango Forks Man Charged with Multiple Burglaries after Allegedly Stealing** **Can and Bottle Donations from Local Scouts**

(TOWN OF CHENANGO, NY) A Chenango Forks man is facing three felony burglary charges after being caught on camera stealing donated cans and bottles from local scouts on multiple occasions.

On, Wednesday, December 10, 2025, the Broome County Sheriff's Road Patrol responded to the latest in a series of reported thefts of returnable cans and bottles from the BSA Troop 152 Scouts donation bin at Valley Christian Reformed Church in the Town of Chenango, NY.

The cans and bottles collected by the scouts are returned for recycling, with the proceeds going toward scouts programming and camping supplies.

The local scoutmaster reported that after noticing an empty donation bin over the past several months, a game camera was installed inside the bin to monitor any potential donation thefts. The most recent thefts caught on camera occurred on December 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th and 10th of this year, all from the same suspect shown stealing bags of donated cans and bottles from the bin.

As they received camera footage of the recent thefts from the scoutmaster, BCSO investigators routed the footage through the Southern Tier Crime Analysis Center. New York State Police investigators identified the suspect as John C. Dubrava, age 69 of Chenango Forks, NY, who had previously been arrested in Chenango County in a similar case. BCSO investigators compared camera footage from the donation bin to BCSO body camera footage of previous interactions with Dubrava, which matches his face, body and vehicle from the donation bin thefts.

On Wednesday, December 10, 2025, Broome County Sheriff's investigators located Dubrava and the vehicle from the thefts at a residence on Sapbush Rd in Chenango Forks.

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Following a full investigation, John C. Dubrava was charged with:

- Three (3) Counts of Burglary in the 3rd Degree (Illegal Entry w/ Intent to Commit a Crime), Class D Felonies
- Petit Larceny, a Class A Misdemeanor

The Broome County Sheriff's Office was assisted by the New York State Police on this case.

“What kind of person steals from our community's local boys and girls with Christmas around the corner?” said Sheriff Fred Akshar. “Excellent teamwork by our local scoutmaster, our investigators and the NYS Police. This is another great example of how valuable our Southern Tier Crime Analysis Center continues to be to the men and women of law enforcement charged with serving and protecting the people of our community.”

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