

## **BROOME COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

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## Stolen Vehicle Chase Ends in Pennsylvania After Spike Strips, Taser Deployed

(DICKINSON, NY) A Windsor man is facing multiple charges and over 20 traffic violations after fleeing police in a stolen vehicle through Binghamton, Johnson City, Windsor and Pennsylvania before being successfully taken into custody.

On Sunday, March 30, 2025 at approximately 10:30 PM, a member of the Broome County Sheriff's Road Patrol observed a grey 2021 Mazda CX5 on Harry L Drive in the Village of Johnson City that had been reported stolen out of the City of Binghamton. The sheriff's deputy attempted to perform a traffic stop, but the driver of the stolen vehicle failed to comply, fleeing east through the City of Binghamton.

The fleeing vehicle temporarily evaded deputies by driving through fences in the City of Binghamton until it was located a short time later near the Red Roof Inn on Old Front Street. The suspect then fled south on Route I-81, traveling at a high rate of speed and driving recklessly until patrols lost sight of the stolen vehicle near Dunbar Rd in the Town of Windsor.

Patrols continued to search for the stolen vehicle in the Town of Windsor, until it was discovered parked in a dark parking lot off of Old Route 17 with its headlights off but the interior dome lights on. Patrols once again attempted a traffic stop, at which point the stolen vehicle backed up, colliding with a patrol car and speeding away eastbound on Old Route 17 toward the Village of Windsor.

The suspect vehicle fled at a high rate of speed through the Village of Windsor before turning south onto state line road and continuing to drive recklessly over state lines into Pennsylvania. At this point, Pennsylvania State Police out of Gibson, PA, in coordination with pursuing Sheriff's Office deputies, successfully deployed tire deflation devices, damaging the tires of the suspect vehicle and causing the vehicle to slow. Despite the damaged and disintegrating tires, the suspect vehicle continued to flee south on Turnpike Street near Susquehanna, PA, emitting sparks from the damaged wheels.

| <b>General Information:</b> | Fiscal:        | Garnishees:   | Civil:        | Identification: | <b>Records:</b> |
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| (607) 778-1911              | (607) 778-2928 | (607)778-2926 | (607)778-2145 | (607)778-2924   | (607)778-2166   |
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As the vehicle slowed, the suspect, Joseph T. Martino, age 33, jumped from the driver's seat and attempted to flee on foot. A pursuing Broome County Sheriff's deputy pursued on foot and successfully deployed a taser on Martino, who was then taken into custody.

Pennsylvania State Police took Martino into custody for Possession of Stolen Property, and the Broome County Sheriff's Office will be charging Joseph T. Martino with the following:

- Criminal Mischief in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree, a Class E Felony
- Reckless Endangerment in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree, a Class A Misdemeanor
- Unlawful Fleeing a Police Officer in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree, a Class A Misdemeanor
- Over 20 Vehicle & Traffic Violations

"My thanks to the combined efforts of our Broome County Sheriff's deputies, and the Pennsylvania State Police," said Sheriff Fred Akshar. "Because of his actions, this individual will now have to answer for crimes in both Pennsylvania and New York."

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