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Road Rage Incident Involving Weapon Leads to Multiple Charges in Town of Chenango

(TOWN OF CHENANGO, NY) A driver and a passenger are facing multiple charges after threatening another driver with a handgun and then crashing their vehicle in the Town of Chenango.

On Sunday, August 30, 2026 around 10:24 PM, members of the Broome County Sheriff's Road Patrol responded to a report of an active road rage incident involving a firearm on Upper Front Street in the Town of Chenango. The 911 caller stated that a dark, lifted pickup truck was following their vehicle, displaying a handgun and threatening to shoot them while traveling southbound on Upper Front St.

According to witnesses in the victim's vehicle, driver of the lifted pickup truck began tailgating their vehicle on Upper Front St. and driving aggressively before pulling up alongside them and making verbal threats while the passenger in the suspect vehicle displayed a black "Glock-style" handgun, reportedly threatening to shoot them in the head.

The threatened driver sped away, making a U-turn and traveling northbound on Upper Front St. while the passenger called 911. The victim then turned onto Bishop Rd and the pickup truck followed, crashing into a ditch as the victims drove away.

Separate BCSO Patrols met with the victims and responded to the crashed pickup truck. The driver of the crashed vehicle, Jake E. Felter, age 19 of Castle Creek, NY and the passenger, Dante M. Gage-Phillips age 19 of Whitney Point, NY, were positively identified by the victims. Not far from the location of the crash, deputies located the pistol used in the incident, which was identified as a realistic-looking air pistol/BB gun.

Following a full investigation, the driver, Jake E. Felter, was charged with Driving While Intoxicated (1st Offense) a Misdemeanor, Operating a Motor Vehicle w/ BAC>.08 (1st Offense), a Misdemeanor, Reckless Endangerment in the 2nd Degree, a Class A Misdemeanor, Reckless

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Driving, a Misdemeanor and multiple traffic violations.

The passenger, Dante M. Gage-Phillips, was charged with Tampering with Physical Evidence, a Class E Felony, Menacing in the 2nd Degree, a Class A Misdemeanor, Reckless Endangerment in the 2nd Degree, a Class A Misdemeanor and Reckless Endangerment of Property, a Class B Misdemeanor. Due to the circumstances and threats made during the incident, an extreme risk protection order was also filed for Gage-Phillips.

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