

Warren County Sheriff's Office  
**Press Releases**

**For immediate release, Wednesday, November 30, 2022**  
**Contact: Warren County Sheriff Jim LaFarr, 518-743-2500**

The Warren County Sheriff's Office has arrested **Adrian A. Simental, 33, of 1618 Route 9**, Moreau, in connection with the November 27<sup>th</sup>, 2022 shooting that occurred in the parking lot of Walmart on Route 9 in Queensbury.

Simental was arrested the evening of November 29<sup>th</sup> at his residence and has been charged with felony counts of **attempted first-degree assault** and **second-degree criminal possession of a weapon** in connection with the incident.

Simental is accused of firing a handgun at a 52-year-old New York City man following an aggressive driving encounter that occurred between Simental and the victim moments earlier on Route 9.

The Sheriff's Office investigation showed the aggressive driving encounter occurred in the area of Northway Plaza, and that Simental's vehicle followed the victim's vehicle into the Walmart parking lot, where a verbal and physical confrontation ensued. Simental is accused of firing the handgun during the confrontation and hitting the victim in the lower abdomen.

The victim was treated at Glens Falls Hospital and Albany Medical Center, and has since been released. His injuries are not considered life-threatening. Simental fled the scene after the shooting, and was located after an investigation that involved members of the Warren County Sheriff's Office, New York State Police, and Saratoga County Sheriff's Office.

Simental was arraigned Wednesday, November 30, 2022 in Warren County CAP Court before Justice Eric Schwenker and remanded to Warren County Jail for lack of \$200,000 cash bail or \$600,000 bail bond. He is due back in Queensbury Town Court on December 5, 2022.

**Warren County Sheriff Jim LaFarr** offered thanks all of the agencies and members of the public who assisted the Sheriff's Office in their investigation and worked diligently to locate Simental.

"We strongly encourage everyone to avoid confrontations when faced with aggressive driving encounters and we ask the public to seek assistance from law enforcement when confronted by a 'road rage' incident, rather than attempting to resolve these matters themselves," **LaFarr said.**

Incident Number.....: 2022-22932

Type of Incident .....: Shooting

Date of Incident .....: November 27, 2022

Overview .....

This afternoon at 3:45 pm, the Warren County Sheriff's Office was called to the Walmart located at 891 State Route 9 in the Town of Queensbury for an investigation of a male with a gunshot wound to the hip. Walmart was evacuated and closed out of an abundance of caution, but no part of the incident occurred inside of the store, it all took place outside in the parking lot.

The male victim was transported by EMS and is currently undergoing medical treatment. The Sheriff's Office and the New York State Police are working to identify a suspect and/or a suspect vehicle and will provide updates as information becomes available. At this time, this is an active investigation, but there is no reason to believe there is a threat or concern to the general public.

If anyone has any information or possibly captured any video or photographs of the incident, they are asked to contact the Warren County Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigations Unit at (518) 743-2500 option #1.

Incident Number.....: 2022-21797

Type of Incident .....: Armed Robbery

Date of Incident .....: November 9, 2022

Overview .....: The Warren County Sheriff's Office is investigating an armed robbery that occurred at the Cumberland Farms on Quaker Rd. in the Town of Queensbury just after 12:00am on November 9, 2022.

Attached is surveillance photos obtained from the incident.

During the robbery, the suspect displayed a handgun and demanded money from the clerk. No injuries were reported and the suspect fled the store.

If anyone has any information or was in the area during that time, please contact the Warren County Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigations Division (518)743-2500 Option 1.

Or:

If you wish to remain anonymous you can leave a tip at 518-761-9800.

Incident Number.....: 2022-20760

Type of Incident .....: PIAA

Date of Incident .....: 10/23/2022

Overview .....

On October 23, 2022 at approximately 8:38 P.M., the Warren County Sheriff's Office responded to Main Street in the Town of Queensbury for a report of a two-car personal injury crash involving a North Warren Emergency Squad ambulance.

The crash occurred when 67-year-old Donald K. VanVleet of Queensbury, NY failed to yield the right of way to the emergency vehicle which was operating in an emergency capacity. Due to VanVleet's actions, a crash occurred. A member of the North Warren Emergency Squad was transported to Glens Falls Hospital with non-life-threatening injuries. At the time of the crash, a patient was in the rear of the ambulance being transported to Glens Falls Hospital. The patient did not sustain any injuries as a result of the crash.

The Warren County Sheriff's Office was assisted at the scene by the West Glens Falls Fire Department, the West Glens Falls Emergency Squad, and the Bay Ridge Emergency Squad.

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Incident Number.....: 2022-19724

Type of Incident .....: Grand Larceny

Date of Incident .....: 10/08/2022

Overview .....

On Saturday October 8, 2022 the Warren County Sheriff's Office received a report of a stolen motor vehicle from the Full Belly Deli located at 2378 State Route 28 in the Town of Johnsbury.

During the course of a police investigation it was determined that the vehicle was stolen by a 38-year-old parolee, William J. Blair of Indian Lake.

Mr. Blair was charged with one felony count of Grand Larceny in the Third Degree and a subsequent parole violation.

He was arraigned at the Warren County Centralized Arraignment Court and remanded to the Warren County Correctional Facility. He is scheduled to appear in the Johnsbury Town Court on a later date.

The investigation was conducted by members of Warren County Sheriff's Office with the assistance of the New York State Police and New York State Parole.

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Incident Number.....: 2017-16781

Type of Incident .....: Burglary / Criminal Mischief

Date of Incident .....: October 17, 2017

Overview .....

On October 14, 2022, the Warren County Sheriff's Office arrested Anthony T. Putnam, age 33 of Daniels Corner Mobil-Home-Park, Saratoga Springs on one felony count of Burglary in the Third Degree and one felony count of felony Criminal Mischief in the Third Degree.

As part of an ongoing investigation, members of the Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigations Unit were able to link Putnam to a burglary at a local business in Queensbury via DNA.

Putnam was arraigned in Warren County CAP Court and released on his own recognizance. He is scheduled to appear at the Queensbury Town Court on a later date.

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Incident Number.....: 22-18202

Type of Incident .....: Narcotic related traffic stop

Date of Incident .....: 09/17/2022

Overview .....



Morgan E. Bemis-Heym



Linda L. Marshall

On 09/17/2022 the Warren County Sheriff's Office arrested Morgan E. Bemis-Heym, age 30, of Pleasant View Drive in Hudson Falls and Linda L. Marshall, age 52, of Moreau Drive in South Glens Falls, following a traffic stop. Bemis-Heym, who was known to officers for having a suspended driver's license, was operating a black Jeep Compass with a brake light out. Upon approaching the vehicle, Officers observed a scale with white powder substance consistent with cocaine residue and a knife in plain view. Bemis-Heym was removed from the vehicle, at which point a baggie containing

what appeared to be crack cocaine was observed on the driver's seat. Bemis-Heym was transported to Warren County Sheriff's Office where she was found to be in possession of additional crack cocaine. The passenger of the vehicle, Linda Marshall, originally gave a false name and was later found to have active warrants out of Glens Falls and Saratoga County.

Morgan E. Bemis-Heym was charged with 1 count of Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree (intent to sell) Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance 3<sup>rd</sup> (1/2 ounce or more of a narcotic drug)-both class B Felonies and Criminally Using Drug Paraphernalia 2<sup>nd</sup>-class A Misdemeanor.

Linda L. Marshall was charged with 2 counts of Criminal Impersonation 2<sup>nd</sup>- Class A Misdemeanor.

Bemis-Heym and Marshall were arraigned the next morning in Warren County CAP Court where they were released on their own recognizance to return at a later court date.

Patrol Officer Christopher Perilli handled the traffic stop with the assistance from Patrol Officer Ortiz and Patrol Officer Leonardo.