

# Onondaga County Sheriff's Office News

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## Sheriff's Detectives Make Arrest in Armed Robbery Case

**Town of Salina, New York** – Onondaga County Sheriff Kevin E. Walsh reports that Sheriff's Detectives have arrested a Town of Van Buren man in connection with the armed robbery of a taxi cab driver.

In the early morning hours of September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2011, a local taxi cab driver from the CNY Green Taxi Service Company, received a telephone call from a male requesting to be picked up at the Covered Bridge Apartment Complex located at 850 Vine Street in the Town of Salina and be transported to the Syracuse International Airport. When the cab driver arrived at the apartment complex, the suspect got into the back seat of the taxi and displayed what appeared to be a handgun. The suspect placed the handgun to the back of the cab driver's head and demanded money from him. The cab driver was unharmed and the suspect fled the scene prior to police arrival, making off with \$100.00 in cash.



**Chano R. Tamez**

Through an extensive investigation and evidence left behind by the suspect, the suspect was later identified as Chano R. Tamez (21) of 7444 State Fair Blvd, Van Buren. Tamez was taken into custody on January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2012, by Sheriff Detectives and charged with Robbery in the 1<sup>st</sup> Degree, Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree and Menacing in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree. Tamez was arraigned in the Town of Salina Court and remanded to the Justice Center in lieu of bail set at \$100,000 cash/ \$200,000 bond.

Robbery in the 1<sup>st</sup> Degree is a Class B Felony, Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree is a Class D Felony and Menacing in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree is a Class A Misdemeanor. .

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