

Onondaga County Sheriff's Office News

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Detectives Charge Man Injured by Homemade Explosive

Spafford, New York – Onondaga County Sheriff Kevin E. Walsh reports that charges have been filed against a Spafford man injured by a homemade explosive.

This afternoon, Justin Clark (22), of 353 Cold Brook Road, was charged with criminal possession of a weapon in the 3rd degree, criminal possession of marijuana in the 2nd degree, reckless endangerment in the 1st degree, unlawfully growing cannabis, and unlawful possession of marijuana.

On January 21st, Clark sustained a severe hand injury while making a homemade explosive he intended to use to remove a nuisance beaver dam located near his property. Clark was transported to University Hospital, where he was treated, and members the Sheriff's Hazardous Device Disposal Team (HDDT) were called to assist with the investigation. HDDT Technicians report that Clark was using gun powder to construct the make shift device which accidentally exploded. During the course of the investigation, detectives also recovered ten marijuana plants Clark was growing inside his home.

Clark was arraigned in the Town of Spafford Court this afternoon, where he was released to the Onondaga County Probation Department's Pre-trial Release Program.

Criminal possession of a weapon in the 3rd degree, criminal possession of marijuana in the 2nd degree and reckless endangerment in the 1st degree are class D felonies. Unlawfully growing cannabis is a class A misdemeanor and unlawful possession of marijuana is a violation.

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