

Local News

Man who attempted to evade sheriff's deputies in North Collins charged with grand larceny

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(WIVB) - A 29-year-old man who attempted to evade Erie County Sheriff's deputies in North Collins on Thursday is facing multiple charges.

Joshua Bowers was taken into custody shortly after the Erie County Sheriff's Office put out a warning, calling Bowers a dangerous suspect.

According to sheriff's reports, deputies responded to an area near Main and Franklin streets in the Village of North Collins for reports of an individual who was wanted on outstanding warrants.

They located the individual- Bowers- with a female companion. The two suspects fled the scene after being approached by patrol.

A deputy located the woman, Layna Jimerson, 29, of South Dayton, a short time later.

Gowanda Police assisted in the search for Bowers. He was located about an hour after fleeing deputies.

The Erie County Sheriff's Office helicopter, Air-1, located a heat signature in the area of Thiel Road, and deputies and a K9 team located Bowers in a wooded area and took him into custody.

Bowers was discovered to be in possession of stolen property when he was apprehended, sheriff's reports say.

He was charged with obstruction of a government official, grand larceny, criminal possession of stolen property, and petit larceny. He was also arrested on outstanding warrants from the Cheektowaga Police Department, Hamburg Police Department, and Cattaraugus County Sheriff's Office.

Bowers is being held pending his arraignment.

Jimerson was charged with criminal possession of a controlled substance. She was released on appearance tickets.

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