

The New York State Sheriffs' Association Institute will begin its annual Honorary Membership drive in Tompkins County within the next few days according to Sheriff Kenneth Lansing.

The New York State Sheriffs' Association Institute was established in 1979. It is a not-for-profit corporation, tax exempt organization, and contributions to the Institute are tax deductible.

While the Sheriff's Office is a unit of county government, many of the concerns of Sheriffs and other law enforcement agencies are best addressed on a statewide level. The Sheriffs' Institute provides centralized training programs and services for all Sheriffs' Offices, where those programs and services would be unavailable or impractical on a single county basis.

The flagship program of the Sheriffs' Institute is the **Sheriffs' Summer Camp** for economically challenged children. The Sheriffs' Camp, in its 38<sup>th</sup> year of operation, is located on Keuka Lake and 840 children from across New York State attend each summer. The Sheriffs' Institute pays the entire cost of the camp stay and transportation. Most children attending wouldn't otherwise have an opportunity for vacation travel or a summer camp experience.

The Sheriffs' Camp program combines summer recreation with activities designed to teach an understanding of, and respect for, our laws and the men and women who enforce them. The strong camper to counselor ratio allows for individual attention with an emphasis on the development of self esteem.

"In these difficult economic times we cannot forget our youth who will not have the opportunity for a summer camp experience or a summer vacation," Sheriff Kenneth Lansing said. "By becoming an honorary member you are supporting the Sheriffs' Summer Camp for economically disadvantaged children."

In addition, the Sheriffs' Institute operates a scholarship program that provides one scholarship to each of New York State's Community College's Criminal Justice Programs. This program is designed to help attract the best and the brightest to the criminal justice vocation.

For more information about the Sheriffs' Summer Camp and other Sheriffs' Institute Programs, visit our website, [www.sheriffsinstitute.org](http://www.sheriffsinstitute.org) or simply *google* "Sheriffs' Institute kids" and it will be your first option.

Financial support for many of the Sheriffs' Institute programs comes from Honorary Membership dues. Invitations for Honorary Membership are extended on a non-partisan basis, and the invitees are selected at random. Any persons interested in supporting the efforts of the New York State Sheriffs' Association Institute by

becoming an Honorary Member should contact the Sheriff if they do not receive an invitation in the mail, or visit our web site at: [www.sheriffsinstitute.org](http://www.sheriffsinstitute.org) to download an application.

All donations made to the New York State Sheriffs' Association Institute are tax deductible. In addition, Sheriffs' Institute is registered with the New York State Attorney General's Charities Bureau.

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## **2015 Operation Safe Stop**

On April 16, 2015 the Tompkins County Sheriff's Office will be participating in Operation Safe Stop, a traffic initiative sponsored by the New York State Governor's Traffic Safety Committee. Operation Safe Stop was introduced to educate motorists and enforce the New York State Vehicle and Traffic Laws pertaining to passing stopped school buses. The Tompkins County Sheriff's Office will have extra patrols on duty that day to ensure motorists obey the vehicle and traffic law. Please assist the Tompkins County Sheriff's Office with Operation Safe Stop by staying alert and watching out for stopped school buses when operating a motor vehicle on this day and everyday during the school year.

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## **03/27/2015 Assault 2nd Arrest**

Sheriff Lansing reports that on 3/27/2015, Investigators from the Tompkins County Sheriff's Office arrested Roshane D. Henry, age 24 of Bronx, NY for three separate counts of Assault in the Second Degree, a class D Felony.

The arrest stems from an incident that occurred on 03/15/2015 inside of the Tompkins County Jail, where Henry had been remanded on unrelated criminal charges from Ithaca City Court. Investigators alleged that Henry became combative with correction officers, fighting with correction officers by kicking and punching. As a result of the incident, three correction officers were injured and were taken to Cayuga Medical Center for medical treatment. All three correction officers were treated and released. No additional information will be released in regards to injuries or names.

Henry was arraigned today before Judge Banfield of the Town of Lansing Court for the Assault charges. Henry has been remanded to the Tompkins County Jail with no bail being set.

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## **March 10th, 2015 - DWI Accident**

On March 10th, 2015 at 10:10 PM, Tompkins County Sheriff Deputies responded to the area of Jacksonville Road and Kraft Road in the Town of Ulysses for a property damage motor vehicle accident. Deputies located the vehicle and suspected driver, Jesse M. Farina-Geiger, age 21 of Trumansburg. The passenger, Phillip M. Campbell, age 23 of Dryden fled the scene and it was later discovered the likely reason was a warrant for his arrest. Deputies on scene conducted a DWI Investigation which resulted in Farina-Geigers arrested for Driving While Intoxicated. Farina-Geiger was transported back to the Tompkins County Sheriff's Office where he was processed and charged with Driving While Intoxicated (Unclassified Misdemeanor), Driving While Intoxicated with BAC of .08% or Greater (Unclassified Misdemeanor), Aggravated Driving While Intoxicated with BAC of .18% or Greater (Unclassified Misdemeanor), amongst other vehicle and traffic law violations. Farina-Geiger was issued appearance tickets ordering his appearance at the Town of Ulysses Court on April 7th, 2015 at 9:30 AM.

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### **3/21/2015 DWI Arrest**

On March 21, 2015 at 1:08 AM deputies observed a 2011 gray in color Volkswagon traveling south at a high rate of speed on Coddington Road in the Town of Ithaca. Deputies stopped the vehicle and identified the operator as Ryan S. Bingham age 21 of Ithaca, New York. Deputies determined Bingham was intoxicated.

Bingham was charged with two counts of Driving While Intoxicated, Excessive Speed in a Posted Zone, Failure to Keep Right and Inadequate Horn. Bingham was released and is to appear in the Town of Ithaca Court on April 1, 2015 at 4:00 M.

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### **03/17/2015 Drug Arrest**

Sheriff Lansing reports that on Tuesday, March 17, 2015 at around 11:30 p.m. members of the Tompkins County Sheriff's Office, New York State Police, NYSP CNET Southern, and Ithaca City Police Department executed a search warrant upon the person of Rufus Lomax. Included in this search warrant was the residence of 13 German Cross Road and 41 Besemer Hill Road. The search warrant was a result of a multi-agency investigation involving narcotics trafficking.

Sheriff Lansing further reports that during the execution of the search warrant Officers seized over 8 ounces of cocaine, crack cocaine, heroin, narcotics packaging material and over \$21,000 in U.S. Currency.

Rufus Lomax, 39, of the Town of Dryden was charged with two counts of criminal possession of a controlled substance in the third degree, a class B Felony and one

count of criminal possession of a controlled substance in the second degree, which is a class A II Felony. Lomax was arraigned in the Town of Dryden Court before Judge Clauson and was remanded to the Tompkins County Jail on no bail. Lomax is to reappear in the Town of Dryden Court on Monday, March 23, 2015.

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### **03/14/2015 Felony DWI Arrest**

On 03/14/2015 at 2:20 A:M, Deputies observed a tan Nissan Altima traveling north on Danby Road in the Town of Danby. The tan Nissan Altima crossed over the centerline into the southbound lane of travel. Deputies initiated a traffic stop and identified the driver as Leverne A. Nesmith, age 53 of Danby, NY. Deputies determined that Nesmith was intoxicated.

Nesmith was charged with three counts of felony driving while intoxicated and failure to keep right. Nesmith was released to a sober third party and is to appear in the Town of Danby Court on 04/14/2015 at 7:00 P:M.

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### **03/13/2015 DWI Arrest**

On 03/13/2015 at 1:26 A:M, Deputies observed a blue Chrysler van speeding on Elmira Road in the Town of Ithaca. Deputies stopped the vehicle and identified the driver as Lenora Quvus, age 48 of Ithaca, NY. Deputies determined that Quvus was intoxicated and arrested her.

Quvus was charged with three counts of driving while intoxicated, speed in zone, refusal to take a breath test, operation in violatoin of a conditional license and aggravated unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle in the third degree. Quvus was released to a sober third party and is to appear in the Town of Ithaca Court on 03/25/2015 at 4:00 P:M.

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### **Hornbrook Road After Action Report**

<http://tompkinscountyny.gov/content/sheriffs-after-action-report-hornbrook-link>

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### **3/8/2015 PD DWI MVA**

On March 8, 2015 at 6:20 AM deputies responded to a property damage motor vehicle accident on State Route 13 and Warren Road in the Village of Lansing. Upon

arrival deputies observed a brown in color Chevrolet off the road against a snow embankment. Deputies located and identified the operator of the vehicle as Aylah M. Stewart age 23 of Ithaca, New York. Deputies determined Stewart was intoxicated.

Stewart was charged with two counts of Driving While Intoxicated, Failure to Keep Right and Moving from a Lane Unsafely. Stewart was released and is to appear in the Village of Lansing Court on March 26, 2015 at 7:00 PM.

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