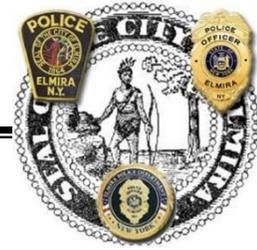


PRESS RELEASE

Elmira Police Department 317 East Church Street, Elmira, New York 14901



From: Acting Lieutenant William Goodwin **Contact Number:** (607)737-5617

Date: January 29th 2024

Subject: **Armed Burglary Arrests**

Elmira Police Officers were flagged down by a concerned neighbor in the 500 block of W First St on January 29th 2024 at approximately 02:52am. Officers were informed of a reported burglary in progress at an occupied residence within the neighborhood. Police responded to the address and located 3 males at the rear of the property. The 3 males fled from police however 2 of the suspects were subsequently apprehended a short time later. It was found that the persons were in possession of soft body armor and a loaded 9mm carbine.

As a result, Elmira residents 24 year old Patrick Woodard and 22 year old Josiah Stowe-Alington were arrested and charged with Burglary in the First Degree; a class B Violent Felony. This offense carries a maximum potential sentence of up to 25 years in state prison.

Through investigation, it was learned that the arrested persons and the intended target of the burglary knew each other and that this was not a random act. Investigative efforts are continuing to charge the third individual involved.

The Elmira Police Department was assisted by the Chemung County Sheriff's Office during this investigation.

The Elmira Police Department is asking anyone with information about this matter to call the Elmira Police Department at (607)737-5626 or leave a message on the anonymous tip-line at (607)271-HALT.

Respectfully,

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