



Cortland Police Department



Press Release- Lieutenant Troyer 607-758-8307

Friday, February 03, 2012

ON JANUARY 31 2012 AT APPROXIMATELY 5:17 PM THE CORTLAND POLICE DEPARTMENT RESPONDED TO JODI'S HALLMARK STORE LOCATED AT 11 MAIN STREET REGARDING AN ARMED ROBBERY. AN EMPLOYEE OF JODI'S HALLMARK REPORTED THAT AN INDIVIDUAL ENTERED THE STORE AND STATED HE HAD A WEAPON AND DEMANDED MONEY FROM THE CASH REGISTER. THE SUSPECT HAD HIS HANDS IN HIS COAT POCKET, HOWEVER HE EXTENDED HIS HANDS TOWARDS THE VICTIM, MAKING IT APPEAR HE HAD SOMETHING IN HIS COAT POCKET. THE VICTIM BELIEVED THE SUSPECT POSSESSED A WEAPON AND GAVE THE SUSPECT \$444.00 IN CASH AND THE SUSPECT FLED THE SCENE. A DESCRIPTION AND DIRECTION OF TRAVEL WAS PROVIDED TO THE POLICE AND THE SUSPECT WAS APPREHENDED A SHORT TIME LATER IN PROXIMITY TO THE CRIME SCENE. THE SUSPECT DIDN'T POSSESS A WEAPON DURING THE INCIDENT AND NO ONE WAS INJURED. AN INVESTIGATION WAS CONDUCTED AND JOSEPH A. DROGALIS, (DOB: 04/23/77) OF 1057 CODDINGTON ROAD, ITHACA, NEW YORK WAS CHARGED WITH THE FOLLOWING;



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| 1) ROBBERY IN THE FIRST DEGREE | CLASS B FELONY |
| 2) GRAND LARCENY IN THE FOURTH DEGREE | CLASS E FELONY |
| 3) UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF MARIHUANA | VIOLATION |

MR. DROGALIS WAS ARRAIGNED AND REMANDED TO CORTLAND COUNTY CORRECTIONAL FACILITY WITH NO BAIL AND IS TO APPEAR IN CORTLAND CITY COURT ON FEBRUARY 15TH 2012.