

# Clinton County Sheriff's Office

## News Release

**TO: AREA NEWS**

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**SUBJECT OF RELEASE: Arrest**

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**ARRESTEE: Michael J. Baker, Jr.**

**AGE/SEX: 37/Male**

**ADDRESS: Peru, NY**

**CHARGES:**

**Menacing 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree (A-Misd) PL 120.14(1)**

**Endangering Welfare of a Child (A-Misd) PL 260.10**

**Unlawful Fleeing a Police Officer 3<sup>rd</sup> (A-Misd) PL 270.25**

**Obstruct Governmental Administration 2<sup>nd</sup> (A-Misd) PL 195.05**

**Reckless Endangerment 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree (A-Misd) PL 120.20**

**Reckless Driving (U-Misd) VTL 1212**

**Multiple VTL Violations**

**DATE AND TIME OF ARREST: 04/04/2025 at 8:52pm**

**NARRATIVE:** On the above date and time, Clinton County Sheriff's Deputies arrested Michael J. Baker, Jr. on the above listed charges after responding to reports of an individual threatening another person with a knife at a business in the Town of Plattsburgh. Deputies made contact with Baker at the scene, following which he allegedly refused to exit his vehicle and then fled from the scene, leading officers on a brief pursuit that was terminated when Baker entered off-road trails located in the area of the former Clinton County Airport property. Deputies, assisted by New York State Police and NYSDEC Encon Police set a perimeter around the property and requested assistance from the New York State Police Unmanned Aerial System Unit and Customs and Borders Protection Air and Marine Operations. NYSP UAS and CBP AMO were able to locate Baker's vehicle on the property, which had become immobilized due to trail conditions. Air units were able to direct CCSO Deputies, NYS Police and a K9 Unit from NYSDEC Encon Police to the location of the vehicle, following which Baker was taken into custody without further incident.

**DISPOSITION:** Baker was transported from the scene to UVM CVPH Medical Center for medical treatment. He was issued appearance tickets on the above-listed charges at the hospital and released. He is set to appear in Plattsburgh Town Court on a later date. Investigation into the incident is still ongoing. Deputies were assisted by New York State Police, NYSDEC Encon Police, DHS CBP Air and Marine Operations and Morrisonville EMS.

On April 6, 2025, at around 8:45pm, Clinton County Sheriff's Deputies additionally charged Michael J. Baker, Jr. with Burglary 3rd Degree (D-Felony) and Criminal Possession of a Weapon 3rd Degree (D-Felony) in connection with the incident that occurred on April 4. Baker was arraigned in Plattsburgh Town Court on all charges in connection with the incident, following which he was released to the supervision of Clinton County Probation. He is set to reappear in Plattsburgh Town Court on a later date.

For any additional information, please contact Major Nicholas Leon.