

Clinton County Sheriff's Office

News Release

TO: AREA NEWS

REPORTED BY: Deputy J. Malcolm

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SUBJECT OF RELEASE: DWI Arrest and Accident

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: Major Michael Reid

NAMES OF ARRESTEE: Francis E. Baker

AGE-SEX: 52/Male

ADDRESS: Champlain, NY

**CHARGES: Driving while Intoxicated (U-Misd) VTL 1192.3
Leaving the scene of a Property Damage Accident (Traf) VTL 600.1A**

DATE AND TIME OF ARREST: 08/12/2016 7:08pm

NARRATIVE: On the above date, shortly before 7pm, Sheriff's Deputies responded to a report of an erratic driver near the intersection of Route 11 and Route 276 in the Town of Champlain. A 911 caller reported seeing a vehicle driving erratically before observing it drive off the roadway at that intersection and leave the scene. While deputies, State Police and US Border Patrol canvassed the area, another report was received of a pedestrian that was almost struck by a vehicle matching the suspect vehicle's description on Oak Street in the Village of Champlain. The vehicle was located shortly thereafter by Deputies and State Police on Meridian Road. The operator, Francis E. Baker, is alleged to have been operating the vehicle while in an intoxicated condition.

DISPOSITION: Investigation found that Baker caused damage to NYSEG property when he exited the roadway at Route 276 and Route 11. At the time of arrest, Baker was found to be in need of medical attention and was transported by Champlain-Mooers EMS to UVM CVPH Medical Center. Upon discharge from CVPH, Baker was processed at the Sheriff's Office and issued appearance tickets on the above-listed charges. More charges are expected pending the receipt of blood test results. Deputies were assisted by New York State Police and US Border Patrol Agents in the arrest.