

# Clinton County Sheriff's Office

## News Release

**TO: AREA NEWS**

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**SUBJECT OF RELEASE: Felony Arrest/Personal Injury Accident**

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**NAMES OF ARRESTEE: Elijah J. Thume**

**AGE-SEX: 30/Male**

**ADDRESS: Altona, NY**

**CHARGES:**

**Driving While Intoxicated, 2 Previous Convictions (D-Felony) VTL 1192.3**

**Reckless Endangerment 1<sup>st</sup> Degree (D-Felony) PL 120.25**

**Aggravated Unlicensed Operation 1<sup>st</sup> Degree (E-Felony) VTL 511.3A**

**Operate MV w/o Interlock Device (A-Misd) VTL 1198.9D**

**Aggravated Unlicensed Operation 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree (U-Misd) VTL 511.2A4**

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

**Unlawful Possession of Marijuana (V) PL 221.05**

**Failure to Stop at Stop Sign (Traf) VTL 1172.A**

**Failure to Yield Right of Way (Traf) VTL 1142.A**

**Fail to Keep Right (Traf) VTL 1120.A**

**Unlicensed Operator (Traf) VTL 509.1**

**Consumption of Alcohol in MV (Traf) VTL 1227.1**

**DATE AND TIME OF INCIDENT: 4/7/2018 6:29pm**

**NARRATIVE:** On April 8, 2018, Sheriff's Deputies arrested Elijah J. Thume on the above-listed charges following an investigation into a motor vehicle collision that occurred on the above date and time at the intersection of Military Turnpike and Town Line Road in Plattsburgh. An investigation by Deputies into the collision revealed that Elijah Thume was allegedly operating a 2005 Chevrolet Silverado with an attached snow plow east on Town Line Road when he failed to stop at the stop sign at the intersection with Military Turnpike, continuing east onto Military Turnpike at an alleged high rate of speed. Thume's vehicle failed to yield the right of way and struck a 2017 Chevrolet Tahoe being operated south on Military Turnpike by Harry Neverett of Plattsburgh causing both vehicles to exit the east side of the roadway. Deputies determined that Thume was allegedly operating the Silverado while in an intoxicated condition. The investigation also revealed Thume to allegedly have two previous prior DWI convictions in the previous ten years, as well as multiple suspensions and revocations on his NYS driving privilege.

Deputies allegedly located open containers of alcoholic beverages and marijuana in Thume's vehicle. Interview with witnesses at the scene also revealed Thume allegedly attempted to flee the scene prior to the arrival of emergency responders.

**DISPOSITION:** Thume was transported to UVM CVPH Medical Center for treatment of neck and back pain. Neverett was evaluated on scene by EMS and declined transport to the hospital. Both vehicles were towed from the scene. Beekmantown Fire Department, Morrisonville Fire Department and CVPH EMS responded to the incident. Following release from the hospital, Thume was processed on the above-listed charges at the Sheriff's Office and arraigned in Town of Plattsburgh Court, following which he was committed to Clinton County Correctional Facility in lieu of \$1,000 bail/\$2,000 secured bond. He is set to appear in Town of Plattsburgh Court on a later date. Investigation is ongoing.