

Clinton County Sheriff's Office
News Release

TO: AREA NEWS

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SUBJECT OF RELEASE: Felony Arrest

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NAME OF ARRESTEE: Kerstina A. Mengiste

ADDRESS: Plattsburgh, NY

AGE-SEX: 25/Female

CHARGES:

Grand Larceny 3rd Degree (D-Felony) PL 155.35

Criminal Possession of Stolen Property (D-Felony) PL 165.50

Unauthorized Use of a Motor Vehicle (A-Misd) PL 165.05(1)

DATE AND TIME OF ARREST: 05/07/2026 at 8:01am

NARRATIVE: On May 6, 2026, New York State Police received a report of a stolen vehicle from a residence in the Town of Schuyler Falls. On May 7, 2026, CCSO Detectives located the stolen vehicle in the Town of Plattsburgh. It's alleged that Kerstina A. Mengiste was located in possession of the vehicle. Subsequent investigation by CCSO Detectives also confirmed that Mengiste allegedly stole the vehicle from the driveway of the residence in Schuyler Falls.

DISPOSITION: Mengiste was processed at the Sheriff's Office, arraigned in Plattsburgh Town Court, following which she was released from custody. She is set to reappear in Plattsburgh Town Court and Schuyler Falls Town Court on a later date. CCSO was assisted by New York State Police in the investigation.