

# **Clinton County Sheriff's Office**

## **News Release**

TO: Area News

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SUBJECT OF RELEASE: Personal Injury Accident

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NAME OF SUBJECT(S): Derek Ellstrom  
Jesse Berardi

ADDRESS: West Chazy, NY  
Plattsburgh, NY

AGE/SEX: 41/M  
29/M

NARRATIVE: On May 29th, 2026, at 3:03 PM, Clinton County Sheriff's Deputies responded to State Route 3 for the report of a motor vehicle accident involving a car versus scooter with possible personal injury. Upon arrival, it was found that Derek Ellstrom was traveling East and attempting to turn into a parking lot of a local restaurant. Jesse Berardi was traveling West on State Route 3 on an electric scooter when he struck Ellstrom's vehicle that crossed in his path, resulting in the personal injury accident.

DISPOSITION: Berardi was evaluated at the scene and then transported to UVM-CVPH for further evaluation. It was later determined that Berardi had suffered a fractured knee as a result of the accident as well as other non-life threatening injuries. Ellstrom was issued a citation for Failure to Yield Right of Way on a Left Turn and Berardi was cited for Operation of an E-Scooter at a Prohibited Speed. The Sheriff's Office was assisted by District 3 Fire Department, Morrisonville Fire Department and CVPH EMS.