

Clinton County Sheriff's Office News Release

TO: AREA NEWS

REPORTED BY: Deputy K. Brassard

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SUBJECT OF RELEASE: Arrest

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NAMES OF ARRESTEE: Michele L. Bessey

AGE-SEX: 40/F

ADDRESS: Saranac, NY

CHARGES: Welfare Fraud 3rd Degree (D Felony), Offering a False Instrument for Filing 1st Degree (4 Counts) (E Felony)

DATE AND TIME OF ARREST: 10/21/14 8:25 AM

NARRATIVE: Sheriff's Deputies arrested Michele Bessey, who had allegedly falsely obtained public assistance benefits exceeding the amount of \$3,000 and filed a false instrument on four separate occasions to a public servant with intent to defraud the state. The arrest was made after an investigation was conducted by the District Attorney's Office and the Department of Social Services.

DISPOSITION: Bessey was released after being arraigned in the City of Plattsburgh Court and placed on Pre-Trial Release. She is scheduled to reappear at a later date to face the allegations.