



OTSEGO COUNTY OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF

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Cooperstown, New York 13326

MEDIA RELEASE

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Charges: Attempted robbery 1st – felony
Burglary 2nd - felony
Conspiracy 4th – felony

Person(s): Stephen John Janiszeski, 30, 3200 Old Winter Garden Rd, Ocoee, FL

Date of arrest: June 18, 2014 @ 10:30 a.m.

Court date: T/Otsego Court on 06/25/14 @ 3:30 p.m.

A Florida man was arrested yesterday at the Orange County Correctional Facility in Orlando, FL by Otsego County Sheriff's Office investigators after a five month investigation. During that time period investigation revealed that in late December 2014 Barry Renert and Stephen Janiszeski traveled from Sanford, Florida to Otsego County after conspiring to rob a Cooperstown business owner. On December 23rd Renert, armed with an illegal semi-automatic handgun, entered a Main Street memorabilia business and confronted the business owner who possessed a legally owned firearm and used it to defend himself. Janiszeski waited in the vehicle for Renert during the attempted robbery and after the incident they fled NYS heading back towards Florida. Renert was arrested that evening in the Richmond, VA bus station. Sheriff's Office investigators continued their investigation and developed information that Janiszeski was with Renert in Cooperstown at the time of the incident.

Sheriff's Office investigators with the help of FBI Albany special agents developed information on Janiszeski that led back to central Florida. Detectives from the Seminole County Sheriff's Office Major Crimes Unit and Orange County Sheriff's Office Robbery Squad assisted the Otsego County Sheriff's Office with locating Janiszeski. On May 27th the detectives from the Orange County Sheriff's Office robbery squad located Janiszeski in Ocoee, FL and transported him to their office where Otsego County investigators interviewed him. After the interview and consulting with D.A. John Muehl, a warrant of arrest for the above charges against Janiszeski was signed by Town of Otsego Judge Gary M. Kuch. Subsequently the Orange County S.O. arrested Janiszeski as a fugitive from justice on that warrant that morning and was held in their jail. Yesterday Janiszeski was picked up by Otsego County S.O. investigators and arrested on the Town of Otsego Court warrant of arrest. He was returned to NYS where he was arraigned by Town of Otsego Judge Leslie B. Freidman and remanded to the OCCF without bail due to two previous out of state felony convictions. If convicted Janiszeski faces up to 15 years in prison. D.A. Muehl is prosecuting the case.

For additional information concerning this release please contact: Sr Inv Mike Ten Eyck @ 607 547-4363

MISSION STATEMENT

The Otsego County Sheriff's Office is committed to partnering with the people we serve in order to prevent crime and injustice. We are driven to enhance the quality of life of our community as we hold ourselves to the highest standards of professionalism, performance and ethics.

Submitted by: _S/Inv M.F. Ten Eyck_____ **Date:** __06/19/14_____

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