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## Media Release

**Date/Time of Release: 05-21-2020 2045 hours**

**Date of Incident Occurrence: 05-21-2020**

**Nature of Event: Finger Lakes Drug Task Force Search Warrant Arrest**

**Location of Event Occurrence: 7463 State Street Road Auburn, NY 13021**

**Media Release Written By: Sgt. T.A. Spingler/ FLDTF Supervisor**

On 05-21-20 at approximately 1455 hours, following an investigation into the illegal sales of marijuana and concentrated cannabis, a search warrant that was issued by the Honorable Mark Fandrich out of Cayuga County Court, was executed at 7463 State St. Road in the town of Throop by the Finger Lakes Drug Task Force (FLDTF) with assistance from the Auburn Police Department and the New York State Police Violent Gang Narcotics Enforcement Team (VGNET).

Over 8 pounds of high grade marijuana, 2 pounds of concentrated cannabis, and more than \$11,000.00 in US currency was seized. The marijuana and concentrated cannabis has an estimated street value of more than \$40,000.00.

Thomas G. Lipiska Jr (04-03-00) was arrested and charged with Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the 4<sup>th</sup> degree (C Felony) Criminal Possession of Marijuana in the 2<sup>nd</sup> degree (D Felony), and 2 counts of Criminal Possession of a controlled substance in the 7<sup>th</sup> degree (A Mis).

The Cayuga County District Attorney’s Office will prosecute the case.

