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## **Media Release**

Date of Release: June 14th, 2022

Date of Incident: June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at approximately 12:10 P.M.

Location of Event Occurrence: Larceny of a vehicle from Speedway; 68 North St. Auburn, NY leading to a failure to comply through the Village of Weedsport and arrest of Gerald L. Sheard.

Media Release Written by: Sgt. D. Edmonds

On Monday, June 13<sup>th</sup> at approximately 12:10 P.M., Cayuga County E-911 received a report that a vehicle had been stolen from the Speedway gas station located at 68 North St. Auburn, NY. The vehicle was reported to have been last seen traveling north on North St. Members from the Auburn Police Department responded to the area and based on victim/ witness statements and a review of the surveillance footage, it was suspected that 46 year old male, Gerald L. Sheard of Syracuse, NY had stolen the vehicle. Sheard also had several outstanding arrest warrants for Violation of Probation, Grand Larceny 3<sup>rd</sup> (D-Felony), Welfare Fraud 3<sup>rd</sup> (D-Felony), Offering a False Instrument for Filing 1<sup>st</sup> (E-Felony).

Cayuga County 911 issued a BOLO (be on the look out) to all area law enforcement for the stolen vehicle and Sheard. Approximately ten minutes later, an officer of the Weedsport Police Department observed the vehicle traveling north on State Route 34 in the Village of Weedsport. A vehicle and traffic stop was attempted, but Sheard failed to comply and traveled through the Village of Weedsport and then eastbound on State Route 31. The vehicle ultimately crashed at the intersection of State Route 31 and Lippoldt Rd., where Sheard fled on foot into a heavily wooded area.

A perimeter was quickly established by members of the Cayuga County Sheriff's Office, Weedsport Police Department, New York State Police, Onondaga County Sheriff's Office and Auburn Police Department. In combination with the utilization of CCSO's drone unit, K-9 unit and previously mentioned law enforcement agencies; Sheard was located hiding in a nearby shed and taken into custody.

In relation to the vehicle larceny occurring in the City of Auburn, Sheard was charged with Grand Larceny 3<sup>rd</sup> (D-Felony) and Unauthorized Use of a Vehicle 3<sup>rd</sup> (A-Misdemeanor). Sheard was also charged by the Weedsport PD with Unlawfully fleeing a police officer in a motor vehicle 3<sup>rd</sup> (A-misd.), (continued)







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Kristine M. Wilkinson Administrative Assistant to the Chiefs of Police Aggravated Unlicensed Operation 3<sup>rd</sup> (U-Misd.), Reckless Driving (U-misd.) and several other traffic tickets. Sheard was also processed on his previously mentioned outstanding arrest warrants. The Cayuga County District Attorney's Office will be prosecuting all charges and requested Sheard be remanded to the Cayuga County Jail as a result of Sheard's previous Felony convictions in conjunction with Sheard's most recent charges filed on June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022.



Gerald L. Sheard 46 year old male Syracuse, NY