



Finger Lakes Drug Task Force

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Media Release

Date/Time of Release: 01/04/2023 10:00am

Date of Incident Occurrence: 01/03/2023

Nature of Event: Narcotics Investigation

Location of Event Occurrence: 11 Madison Ave, Auburn NY

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As a result of an investigation conducted by the Finger Lakes Drug Task Force, a drug related search warrant was conducted at 11 Madison Ave in the City of Auburn on January 3rd. This investigation has been ongoing for several months and culminated in the search at the 11 Madison Ave, the residence of Ralph Principio and Anna Colonnese.

A vehicle stop was conducted on Genesee St. near Baker Ave. in the City of Auburn with assistance of the Auburn Police Patrol Division, Cayuga County Sheriffs Road Patrol, and NYSP VGNET. The occupants were identified as Ralph Principio and Anna Colonnese. Ralph Principio was found to be in possession of a large quantity of US Currency, heroin and fentanyl which were packaged for resale on his person. A search warrant for the vehicle being operated by Principio and Colonnese revealed over eleven thousand in US currency, in addition to other drug paraphernalia.

As a result of the search conducted at 11 Madison Ave, approximately two hundred and forty-three grams of heroin, ninety-six grams of cocaine, and four hundred seventeen grams of a dangerous substance commonly referred to as molly, suspected LSD, US currency, and a muzzle loader style gun were located and seized. Drug paraphernalia consisting of packaging materials for heroin and/or fentanyl, along with digital scales were located. The approximate street value of the recovered illicit drugs is \$48,000.00. Principio and Colonnese were charged and held pending CAP arraignment.

FLDTF would like to thank the Auburn Police Department Patrol Division and Cayuga County Sheriff's Road Patrol, NYSP VGNET with the assistance of executing the search warrants. FLDTF would also like to thank the citizens of City of Auburn.

The Finger Lakes Drug Task Force is comprised of the City of Auburn Police, Cayuga County Sheriff's Office, NY State Police and the National Guard.



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Arrested: Ralph A. Principio
DOB: 02-09-1982
11 Madison Ave., Apt. Lower
Auburn, NY 13021

Charges: (2) Ct Criminal Possession of Controlled Substance in 3rd PL 220.16 (1) B felony
(1) Ct Criminal possession of a controlled substance in the fourth degree PL 220.09 (1) C Felony
(1) Ct. Criminal possession of a weapon in the fourth degree PL 265.01 (4) A Misd



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Arrested: Anna C. Colonnese
DOB: 11-29-1989
11 Madison Ave., Apt. lower
Auburn, NY 13021

Charges: (2) Ct Criminal Possession of Controlled Substance in 3rd PL 220.16 (1) B felony
(1) Ct Criminal possession of a controlled substance in the fourth degree PL 220.09 (1) C Felony