

Onondaga County Sheriff's Office News

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Investigation into Counterfeit Money leads to 7 Arrests

Town of Onondaga, New York – The Onondaga County Sheriff's Office reports that an investigation into the passing of counterfeit money and the use of cloned credit cards in the Town of Onondaga has resulted in the recovery of drugs and the arrest of seven people from downstate.

In early February of this year, Sheriff's Deputies began an investigation into fraudulent transactions and counterfeit money that was being passed at local businesses in the Town of Onondaga. During the three month long investigation, Deputies were able to identify the two suspects from security surveillance images. While working closely with Public Safety Officers from Onondaga Community College, Deputies learned that the two suspects had been staying on the campus with a student.

On Tuesday afternoon, Deputies along with a K9 and Detectives assigned to the Sheriff's Criminal Investigations Division executed a search warrant on the student's dormitory room where the two suspects, Tristin Anderson (26) of 2949 8th Ave New York, NY and Demetrius Pinckney (26) of 216 Bradhurst Ave Manhattan, NY, were taken into custody. During the search of the dormitory room, Deputies recovered several items related to the forgery incidents, more than 8 ounces of marijuana and a quantity of Xanax and liquid codeine. Both Anderson and Pinckney were charged with Criminal Possession of a Forged Instrument in the 2nd Degree and were arraigned in the Town of Onondaga Court before Judge Rose who set bail at \$10,000 cash \$20,000 bond. Anderson received an additional charge of Criminal Possession of Marijuana in the 3rd Degree with bail set at \$5,000 cash or bond.

Deputies also charged the following OCC students with Criminal Possession of Marijuana in the 3rd Degree, Chad Newton (19) of 1784 Pitken Ave New York, NY, Curtis Harrison-Mack (18) of 159 Harlem River Drive New York, NY, and Javohn Geddes (20) of 3010 Yates Ave Bronx, NY. All three were arraigned in the Town of Onondaga Court and remanded to the Justice Center on \$5,000 cash or bond.

Amadou Camara (21) of 247 West Street Manhattan, NY and OCC student Matthew Faraci (18) of Grand George, NY were both charged with Unlawful Possession of Marihuana. Camara was released on his own recognizance and Faraci was released by Deputies on an appearance ticket.



Tristin Anderson



Demetrius Pinckney



Chad Newton



Curtis Harrison-Mack



Javohn Geddes



Amadou Camara

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