

# Onondaga County Sheriff's Office News

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Sheriff

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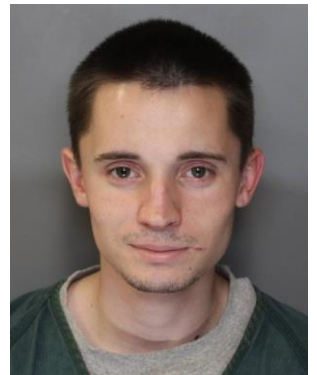
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## Suspect Quickly Arrested After Armed Robbery

**Town of Clay, New York** – The Onondaga County Sheriff's Office reports that sheriff's deputies have charged a Town of Clay man in connection with an early morning armed robbery of a McDonald's restaurant.

Brandon Sobotka (24) of Briarledge Road, N. Syracuse was apprehended this morning due to the quick actions of a sheriff's patrol supervisor who observed Sobotka running from the McDonald's restaurant located at 3806 Brewerton Road. Deputies say that at approximately 2:55 am, Sobotka entered the restaurant and demanded money from the restaurant employee while armed with what appeared to be a handgun. After taking an undisclosed amount of money, Sobotka fled from the restaurant and got into a vehicle that was parked across the street. As he proceeded to drive away, a sheriff's patrol supervisor initiated a traffic stop on the vehicle at the same time the 911 Center dispatched the robbery that just occurred.



As deputies took Sobotka into custody, they discovered a pellet gun and two incendiary devices inside the vehicle. The Sheriff's Office Bomb Squad was notified and immediately responded to the scene along with detectives assigned to the Criminal Investigations Division.

Bomb Technicians were able to safely remove the explosive devices from the vehicle and detectives charged Sobotka with robbery in the 1<sup>st</sup> degree, two counts of criminal possession of a weapon in the 3<sup>rd</sup> degree and one count of criminal possession of a weapon in the 4<sup>th</sup> degree. Sobotka was arraigned in the Town of Clay Court before Judge Jeffrey Gosch who remanded him to the Justice Center on bail set at \$50,000 cash or bond.

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