

# Onondaga County Sheriff's Office News

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## School Bus Driver Charged with DWAI

**Town of Clay, New York** – The Onondaga County Sheriff's Office reports that a local school bus driver has been charged with driving while under the influence of alcohol.

On March 27<sup>th</sup>, a North Syracuse Central School District Transportation employee was removed from her duties after being suspected of driving while under the influence of alcohol. Beth Walters (50) of Pools Brook Road, Kirkville, was removed from her duties after concerned co-workers notified district officials that they detected a strong odor of alcohol coming from Walters.

Walters, who had completed her first route, was located at the Junior High and taken to a local medical facility. A School Resource Officer assigned to the district was notified and a subsequent investigation which also included a blood draw analysis, revealed that Walters was determined to be impaired by the consumption of alcohol. Walters was immediately suspended by the district that day and remains suspended while the district conducts their internal investigation.

Walters was charged with operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol and is scheduled to appear in the Town of Clay Court on June 28<sup>th</sup>.

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