

Onondaga County Sheriff's Office News

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DeWitt Man Charged with Committing Two Robberies

Town of Salina, New York-The Onondaga County Sheriff's Office reports that Sheriff's Detectives have charged a Town of DeWitt man accused of committing two robberies this week in the Town of Salina.

On Monday morning, November 5th, at approximately 11:05 am, sheriff's deputies were dispatched to a robbery that just occurred at the Cricket Wireless Store located at 175 Shop City Plaza in the Town of Salina. An employee working at the time reported that an older white male entered the store and demanded money from the cash register. After complying with the suspects demands, the suspect fled from the store with an undisclosed amount of cash and was last seen running through the parking lot towards the Tops Grocery Store. The suspect was described as an older white male, who stood approximately six feet tall, wearing a hoodie style sweatshirt and jeans.



On Thursday evening at approximately 5:11 pm, sheriff's deputies were called to investigate a second robbery that occurred within blocks from Shop City Plaza. Deputies investigating the incident reported that the suspect fitting the similar description from the Cricket Wireless robbery, entered the Lyncourt Bakery located at 2205 Teall Ave and forcibly stole money from the cash register. Information was developed by detectives that the suspect was seen fleeing from the area in a silver colored sedan.

Less than an hour after the robbery took place, a sheriff's deputy spotted the suspect's vehicle in the parking lot of the Pilot Truck Stop on 7th North Street. With the assistance from detectives assigned to the Criminal Investigations Division, the suspect was apprehended and identified as **Alberto Cerelli** (57) of Court Street Road DeWitt. Cerelli was charged with two counts of robbery in the 3rd degree and criminal possession of a controlled substance in the 7th degree, after detectives discovered 27 bags of heroin on him.

Cerelli was arraigned this morning in Syracuse Criminal Court by Judge Rosenthal. Bail was set at \$5,000 cash or bond for each incident.

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