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Suspect Quickly Arrested After Carjacking

Town of Clay, New York – The Onondaga County Sheriff's Office reports that sheriff's deputies have charged a Syracuse man in connection with a robbery that occurred this morning in the parking lot of the Circle K Convenience store in the Town of Clay.

This morning at approximately 8:00 A.M. deputies responded to the parking lot of the Circle K located at 8578 Henry Clay Boulevard for a robbery that just occurred. The victim, a 62-year-old male customer, reported that while pumping gas into his Ford F150 pick-up truck, he was approached by a male who demanded the keys to his truck. A struggle ensued and the suspect forcibly stole the keys from the victim and fled in the pick-up truck eastbound on Route 31. With the assistance from members of the New York State Police, Cicero Police and the North Syracuse Police Department, the stolen vehicle was observed on Brewerton Road near Stevens Drive in the Town of Cicero, where a traffic stop was conducted, and the suspect was taken into custody after resisting arrest.

The suspect was identified as Dennis Smalley (31) of Goodrich Avenue, Syracuse. He was charged with robbery in the 2nd degree, unauthorized use of a motor vehicle in the 1st degree and resisting arrest. Additionally, Smalley had three active arrest warrants, one for the charges of criminal possession of stolen property in the 4th degree and attempted grand larceny in the 4th degree and the other two warrants for the charges of criminal trespass in the 3rd degree. Smalley is currently being held in the Justice Center and is expected to be arraigned sometime today.

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