

Clinton County Sheriff's Office

News Release

TO: AREA NEWS

REPORTED BY: Deputy C. Martineau

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SUBJECT OF RELEASE: Arrest

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: Major Nicholas Leon

NAME OF ARRESTEE: Stephen J. Baker

AGE/SEX: 57/Male

ADDRESS: Plattsburgh, NY

CHARGES:

Burglary 1st Degree – PL § 140.30(2) (B-Felony)

Criminal Possession of a Weapon 3rd Degree – PL § 265.02(1) (D-Felony)

Unlawful Imprisonment 1st Degree – PL § 135.10 (E-Felony)

Criminal Obstruction of Breathing – PL § 121.11(a) (A-Misdemeanor)

Menacing 2nd Degree – PL § 120.14(1) (A-Misdemeanor)

Criminal Mischief 4th Degree – PL § 145.00(4-a) (A-Misdemeanor)

Assault 3rd Degree – PL § 120.00(1) (A-Misdemeanor)

DATE AND TIME OF ARREST: 08/22/2026 at 7:50 p.m.

NARRATIVE:

On August 22, 2026, Clinton County Sheriff's Deputies arrested Stephen J. Baker following an investigation into a reported domestic dispute. It is alleged that Baker unlawfully entered a dwelling and, while inside, assaulted and prevented the victim from leaving. It is further alleged that Baker obstructed the victim's breathing, menaced the victim with a weapon, and prevented the victim from contacting emergency services.

DISPOSITION:

Baker was processed at the Clinton County Sheriff's Office and arraigned in Plattsburgh Town Court. Baker was subsequently remanded to the Clinton County Correctional Facility in lieu of \$20,000 cash bail, \$75,000 secured bond, or \$150,000 partially secured bond. He is scheduled to appear in Peru Town Court at a later date to face the allegations.

The Clinton County Sheriff's Office was assisted on scene by the New York State Police.