

Clinton County Sheriff's Office

News Release

TO: AREA NEWS

REPORTED BY: Sergeant S. Bechard / Deputy C. Trombley

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SUBJECT OF RELEASE: Warrant Arrest / Additional Arrest

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NAME OF ARRESTEE: Joseph M. Barchard

AGE/SEX: 43/Male

ADDRESS: Ellenburg, NY

CHARGES:

Bail Jumping 2nd Degree – Felony

Obstructing Governmental Administration 2nd Degree – PL § 195.05 (A-Misdemeanor)

BENCH WARRANT:

Failure to Appear – Criminal Possession of a Weapon 3rd Degree (Felony) and Assault 3rd Degree (Misdemeanor)

DATE AND TIME OF WARRANT ARREST: 08/19/2026 at 11:52 p.m.

DATE AND TIME OF ADDITIONAL ARREST: 08/23/2026 at 3:24 p.m.

NARRATIVE:

On August 19, 2026, Clinton County Sheriff's Deputies arrested Joseph M. Barchard on a bench warrant issued by Plattsburgh Town Court in May 2026. Barchard had previously been arraigned on charges of Criminal Possession of a Weapon 3rd Degree and Assault 3rd Degree. It is alleged that Barchard subsequently failed to appear for scheduled court proceedings, resulting in the issuance of the bench warrant and an additional charge of Bail Jumping 2nd Degree.

Barchard was arraigned in Plattsburgh Town Court and remanded to the Clinton County Correctional Facility in lieu of \$10,000 cash bail, \$20,000 bond, or \$100,000 partially secured bond.

Following further investigation into Barchard's actions during his August 19 arrest, Clinton County Sheriff's Deputies arrested him on August 23, 2026, and charged him with Obstructing Governmental Administration 2nd Degree. It is alleged that during the August 19 incident, Barchard intentionally obstructed Deputies from performing their official duties by fleeing and refusing to comply with multiple lawful orders.

DISPOSITION:

Barchard was processed on the additional charge of Obstructing Governmental Administration 2nd Degree and issued an appearance ticket returnable to Mooers Town Court at a later date. Barchard remains incarcerated at the Clinton County Correctional Facility.