

Clinton County Sheriff's Office
News Release

TO: AREA NEWS:

REPORTED BY: Deputy C. Martineau

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SUBJECT OF RELEASE: Felony Arrest

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NAMES OF ARRESTEE: Darrin Smith

AGE-SEX: 54 Year Old Male

ADDRESS: Peru, NY

CHARGES: VTL 511.3A1 – Aggravated Unlicensed Operator 1st Degree – Felony
VTL 1192.3 – Driving While Intoxicated - Misdemeanor
VTL 509.1 – Unlicensed Operator - Violation
VTL 375.2A3 – No/Inadequate Tail Lamp – Violation
VTL 375.3 – Fail to Dim Head Lamp – Violation

DATE AND TIME OF ARREST: 09/28/2025 – 10:21 PM

NARRATIVE: On September 28th, 2025, Clinton County Sheriff Deputies observed a black in color Jeep Grand Cherokee on State Route 22B in the Town of Peru. Allegedly, the operator of the vehicle identified as Darrin Smith (54M/Peru, NY) failed to dim the vehicle's high beam head lamps and had an inadequate tail lamp. Deputies subsequently conducted a traffic stop on the vehicle. It is alleged that Smith was operating under the influence of drugs while having a currently suspended driving privilege.

DISPOSITION: Darrin Smith was processed at the Clinton County Sheriff's Office on the alleged crimes committed. Following this, Smith was arraigned in the Town of Peru Court. Smith was subsequently remanded to the custody of the Clinton County Correctional Facility. Smith is scheduled to reappear in the Town of Peru Court on a later date to face the allegations brought before him. The Clinton County Sheriff's Office was assisted by the New York State Police on scene.