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MEDIA RELEASE

Prepared by: Sergeant Matt Cowen		Date Prepared: February 16th, 2021
Type of Incident: Stolen Motor Vehicle		
Date and Time of Incident: February 16th, 2021 at Approximately 6:30pm		
Location of Incident: City of Ithaca		
Defendant(s): Joseph N. Payne	Age: 40	Address: Ithaca, NY
Charge(s): Criminal Possession of Stolen Property Fourth Degree, a Class E Felony.		

On February 16th, 2021 at approximately 6:50 pm the Ithaca Police Department Patrol Division was dispatched to a report of a stolen vehicle, owned by a laborer working at a construction site at 130 Cherry St. The vehicle reported stolen was described as an early 2000's black pick-up truck. Several officers patrolled in search of the stolen vehicle.

At approximately 7:30pm, while officers were checking areas for the stolen vehicle, a separate report of a larceny from a motor vehicle was reported in the 300 block of Elmira Road. It was reported that the suspect had stolen a purse from a vehicle and fled the scene in an older dark colored pick-up truck.

At 7:40pm, an Ithaca Police Officer on patrol observed the vehicle that was originally reported stolen in the area of N. Plain St and W Seneca St. The vehicle initially attempted to evade the officer by pulling into a parking lot on W Seneca St and the driver attempted to flee the area on foot but was subsequently detained without incident. Upon further investigation, evidence from the larceny of the purse was found to be in possession of the driver of the stolen vehicle.

The defendant was charged with Criminal Possession of Stolen Property Fourth Degree, a Class E Felony. The defendant was arraigned in Ithaca City Court and was subsequently remanded to the Tompkins County Jail.

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