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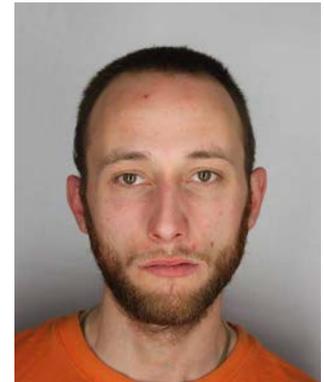
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Today, Sheriff Thomas E. Mills announces yet another series of arrests of two Village of Walton residents on felony drug possession charges following the execution of a Search Warrant in that village Friday afternoon.

The execution of the search warrant and subsequent arrests culminate a heroin and cocaine trafficking investigation conducted in the Village of Walton by members of the Delaware County Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigation Division with the assistance of the Walton Police Department and Delaware County Probation Department.



Members of the Delaware County Sheriff's Office, along with K-9 "Ozzie", Walton Police Department and Delaware County Probation Department executed the Search Warrant at the Townsend Street, Walton residence of 29 year old Cory J. Costello and 27 year old Antonio J. Felice. The search led to the seizure of a number of individual glassine envelopes of heroin, baggies of "bulk" packaged heroin, prescription controlled substances, hypodermic



instruments, marihuana and nearly \$500 cash. Moreover, upon his arrest, Felice was in possession of a NYS Public Assistance Benefit card.

Costello and Felice were each arrested by Sheriff's Investigators and charged with the class B felony offense of Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the Third Degree (*Heroin - intent to sell*) and Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the Fifth Degree (*intent to sell*), a class D felony. Both are expected to face additional charges in the future.

Both defendants were arraigned in the Town of Walton Court before Judge Paul Lauser who remanded them to the Delaware County Correctional Facility in lieu of



bail pending future court appearances. Antonio Felice was ordered to be held in lieu of \$100,000 cash bail. Costello was ordered to be held in lieu of \$50,000 cash bail.

Undersheriff Craig DuMond remarked, “Sheriff Mills and I are extremely proud of the tenacious work of our criminal investigators as well as partnerships forged with our County law enforcement agencies in the eradication of drugs from our communities. These dealers are slow learners but will eventually get the point that their activities will be thoroughly investigated and prosecuted until they are gone”.