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### DRUG SWEEP LANDS (14) FELONY CHARGES

After several lengthy investigations conducted by Delaware County Sheriff's Investigators, a major sweep was conducted late Thursday netting five arrests on Sealed Grand Jury Indictment Warrants charging a total of fourteen felony level drug charges as well as additional charges stemming from those arrests.

The following arrests are the result of five separate investigations conducted earlier this year by the Delaware County Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigation Division:

On Thursday afternoon, Delaware County Sheriff's Office Deputies and Investigators, assisted by the Otsego County Sheriff's Office, arrested 32 year old **Landon L. Cullipher** of State Highway 23, Oneonta, on a Sealed Indictment Warrant charging him with three, class B felony charges of Criminal Sale of a Controlled Substance in the Third Degree.

Cullipher is accused of selling **heroin** in the Town of Davenport on three occasions earlier this year.

On Thursday evening Sheriff's Investigators arrested 21 year old **William J. Effner** of Ehlermann Road, Delhi, on a Sealed Indictment Warrant charging him with three, class B felony charges of Criminal Sale of a Controlled Substance in the Third Degree.

Effner is accused of selling **heroin** in the Village of Delhi on three occasions earlier this year.

Investigators also arrested 28 year old former Treadwell resident **Johnathan S. Hawley**, now of West Street, Oneonta, on a Sealed Indictment Warrant charging him with two, class C felony charges of Criminal Sale of a Controlled Substance in the Fourth Degree.

Hawley is accused of selling **Suboxone** in the Town of Meredith and the Village of Delhi earlier this year.

Sheriff's Deputies and Investigators, assisted by SUNY Delhi University Police, also arrested two SUNY Delhi students following two unrelated narcotics investigations in the Village of Delhi. **Shawn Prakash**, 20, of Hicksville, NY and **Joshua A. Rutt**, 22, of Port Jervis, NY, were both arrested on Sealed Indictment Warrants charging each of them with three, class B felony charges of Criminal Sale of a Controlled Substance in the Third Degree.

Prakash is accused of selling **cocaine** on the SUNY Delhi Campus on three occasions earlier this year.

Rutt is accused of selling **cocaine** at his Village of Delhi residence on three occasions earlier this year.