



## **DELAWARE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

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### **PRESS RELEASE**

**December 19, 2013**

On Wednesday afternoon, Delaware County Sheriff's Investigators arrested a 44-year old Stamford man on drug and weapon possession charges.

The arrest is the result of a seven-month investigation conducted by the Criminal Investigation Division, in cooperation with the New York State Police, and the execution of a Search Warrant at the man's Village of Stamford residence. The search led to the seizure of sixty-five (65) bags of heroin, a loaded handgun, a stun gun, numerous prescription medications and nearly \$700 in cash. Sheriff's Office narcotics detection canine "Ozzie" assisted Deputies and Investigators in ducting a search.

Hector L. Padilla, Jr., was arrested and charged with Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the Third Degree, a class B felony, and three counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the Fourth Degree. He is accused of possessing the heroin with intent to sell.

The recovered handgun was one of several handguns reported missing from the Estate of a South Kortright resident who passed away earlier this year.

Padilla was arraigned before the Honorable James Merritt in the Town of Harpersfield Court and was ordered held in lieu of \$30,000 cash bail pending further court action.

Investigators anticipate additional charges relating to heroin and prescription narcotic sales will be filed against Padilla at a later time.