

POLICE AND FIRE REPORTS**Canisteo Police Department**

Charles W. Stone, 33, of 1316 Lake St., Elmira was arrested Friday off a bench warrant for failure to appear in Canisteo Village Court. Stone was arraigned and released on his own recognizance.

Amanda L. Studham, 34, of 248 Grand St., Hornell was arrested Saturday for driving while intoxicated, refusal of a chemical test and speed in zone. Studham was arraigned in Canisteo Village Court and remanded to Steuben County Jail in lieu of \$500 cash bail or \$1,000 property bond.

Hornell Police Department

Lauren A. Jennings, 31, of 6118 County Route 21, Alfred Station was charged Sunday with petit larceny.

North Hornell Fire Department

Firefighters responded to a reported structure fire with the smell of something burning in a residence on Hungry Hollow Road Sunday at 11:35 a.m. Firefighters checked the entire residence with a thermal image camera. Nothing was found and there was a possibility that a light ballast had gone bad.

Bath-based State Police

Sonja F. Covell, 49, of Urbana was arrested Sunday for driving while intoxicated: alcohol or drugs, second offense. She was released from custody after posting bail.

North Hornell-based State Police

Sylvester C. Hall, 27, of Hornell was arrested Sunday for second-degree criminal contempt: disobeying the court and third-degree criminal possession of a controlled substance: narcotic drug with intent to sell.

Isaac L. Duvall, 25, of Fremont was arrested Sunday for second-degree harassment: physical content. He was issued an appearance ticket.

Painted Post-based State Police

Bradey M. Smith, 22, of Catlin was arrested Saturday for third-degree assault. He was issued an appearance ticket.

Chris L. Wheeler, 43, of Painted Post was arrested Sunday for second-degree obstructing governmental administration, driving to the left of pavement markings, unsafe turn/failure to signal, speed violation: speed in zone, operating a motor vehicle while ability impaired by drugs and reckless driving. He was released from custody after posting cash bail.

Wayland-based State Police

Dennis L. Forsythe, 60, of Wayland was arrested Saturday on a charge of petit larceny. He was issued an appearance ticket.

Samuel L. Mitchell, 23, of Mount Morris was charged Saturday with third-degree assault, third-degree criminal mischief: property value greater than \$250 and second-degree harassment: physical contact.

Daniel J. Chrisman, 51, of Clifton Springs was arrested Sunday for operation of a motor vehicle with a blood alcohol content of .08 percent or greater and driving while intoxicated.

Benjamin T. Desvari, 48, of Rochester was arrested Monday for motor vehicle violation: registration suspended, operation of a motor vehicle with a blood alcohol content of .08 percent or greater, driving while intoxicated and aggravated DWI with a child in the vehicle.

LIVINGSTON COUNTY SHERIFF:

Crime down 26.2 percent from 2012

GENESEO — The Livingston County Sheriff's Office announced a 26.2 percent decrease in index crimes in the last three reported years in a summary released Monday.

According to the report, the county has experienced an overall decrease from 1,195 index crimes in 2012 to 882 in 2015. The greatest

**Dougherty**

drop was in property crimes where there were 335 fewer crimes over the same time frame for a 29.4 percent reduction.

"These numbers are great but what these numbers

really mean is there were a lot fewer victims of crime in our community," Livingston County Sheriff Thomas J. Dougherty said.

The fall in crime cannot be attributed to one event or one investigative technique, the sheriff said.

Operation Safe Interstate, along with the work of the Livingston

County Drug Task Force has removed a great deal of narcotics, drug dealers and drug users off the streets along with the ability of the drug offenders to perpetrate other crimes that support their habit, Dougherty said.

Other techniques included directing patrols to areas that have a spike

in crime; a follow-up to reported crimes; and greater communication with communities through policing, according to the sheriff.

Violent crime increased from 54 in 2012 to 76 in 2015. The sheriff attributed the increase to "the expanded crime category of rape."

IMAM SHOT

Detectives question man in slayings

By Jake Pearson and Ezra Kaplan
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Police detectives investigating the slayings of an imam and his friend have detained and questioned a man as part of an attempt to identify a vehicle seen leaving the scene of the shooting, authorities said Monday.

The man was taken into custody in connection with "an unrelated incident" but had been questioned by detectives regarding the Saturday afternoon shooting of Imam Maulama Alauddin Akonjee and Thara Uddin, said Stephen Davis, the New York Police Department's top spokesman.

He was still in custody late Monday afternoon but hadn't been charged with a crime. Police didn't identify him.

Akonjee, 55, and Uddin, 64, were

shot shortly after leaving the Al-Furqan Jame Masjid mosque in the Ozone Park neighborhood of Queens.

Passions ran hot at a funeral service for the two victims.

About 1,000 people, including New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio, gathered under tents in a parking lot to praise the two men.

The ceremony featured several speakers who said they believed the victims were targeted because of their religion. Some members of the congregation shouted, "Justice!" periodically throughout the service.

"I want you to know that we are all mourning with you," de Blasio said.

After the ceremony, part of the crowd marched to the spot a few blocks away where the shooting took place.

Authorities say surveillance footage showed a car leaving the



Children of slain Imam Maulama Akonjee stand prayerful in front of New York Mayor Bill de Blasio as he speaks at funeral services for the Imam on Monday in New York. BEBETO MATTHEWS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

scene after the shots were fired. Detectives checked a police database and found that a car with a matching description had been involved in a hit-and-run crash in Brooklyn, police said.

In that case, a witness to the crash recorded the car's license plate. Investigators from a warrants squad tracked it to an address in Brooklyn where they waited in an unmarked police cruiser for the man to enter before blocking him in, police said.

The man intentionally bumped their vehicle with his car before he was placed in handcuffs, they said.

The case has not been classified as a hate crime, and police haven't said what prompted the brazen daytime shooting. The gunman is a dark-haired, bearded man wearing glasses, according to a police sketch artist's depiction.

The shooting has shocked the largely Bangladeshi Muslim community in Queens and Brooklyn. Some residents have described harassment in recent months by people who shouted anti-Muslim epithets.

INFRASTRUCTURE REBUILD

State funds Hornell, Arkport water projects

Hornell, Arkport bring in \$7.5+ million in aid

By Jason Jordan
The Evening Tribune

HORNELL — State Sen. Tom O'Mara (R-Big Flats), chairman of the Senate Environmental Conservation Committee, announced Monday that the city of Hornell and the Village of Arkport are among eight Southern Tier municipalities selected to share \$13.7 million as part of the second round of funding being awarded under the state's Water Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2015.

"It's great news that the state is taking steps to distribute this vital funding as quickly as possible to help localities across the Southern Tier and Finger Lakes regions, and statewide, undertake these critical water infrastructure improvement projects," O'Mara said. "We're hopeful that ongoing state assistance will prove successful in helping localities complete vital projects including sewer and pipeline repairs."

The grant awards include a \$3 million Water Infrastructure Improvement Act grant for Hornell

to undertake a major drinking water infrastructure improvement project. The grant for Hornell will be supplemented by low-to-no interest loans for \$3,830,000, from the state's Environmental Facilities Corporation (EFC).

Hornell Mayor Shawn Hogan was grateful for the much needed funding.

"The governor's office called me and said the news would be released. We have several major projects going on at the water filtration plant, creating a new storage tank, making sure we had two upgraded clarifiers up and working, and bringing the plant up to the 21st century as far as digital operation," Hogan said.

The money will also allow the city to repair its main line running from the reservoirs in Fremont to the city.

"A lot of that line over time has become exposed, this will help us make sure it's protected from any elements, floods or other problems," Hogan said.

However, getting the project to the working phases is expected to take up to six months as the city consults with engineers who will make detailed plans.

"They'll do the in-depth

work to be able to take the project to bid. I suspect we'll have the due diligence done and get a formal award in that time frame. This will be an 18 month to two-year

project," Hogan said.

"I don't think it will have significant or any impact on raising the water rates, so I think we're in pretty good shape," the mayor

concluded.

Arkport will receive a \$799,250 Water Infrastructure Improvement Act grant.

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HORNELL GOLF CLUB

STATE BRIEFS**No injuries after 11 freight cars derail**

SELKIRK — Eleven freight cars are back on the track after they derailed over the weekend in an upstate New York rail yard.

CSX spokesman Robert Doolittle tells The Times Union of Albany on Sunday that no injuries, leaks or spills were reported after a New Jersey-bound train sideswiped cars that were adjacent to the track around 7 p.m. Saturday in Selkirk, just south of Albany.

Officials say three of the derailed cars were carrying shipping containers on the train coming through and the other eight cars weren't moving.

Fundraiser nets more than \$105K

NEW YORK — An online fundraiser launched with a \$10,000 goal to pay funeral expenses for a 13-year-old New York City boy who took his own life has raised over \$105,000 from more than 2,700 donors in three days.

Daniel Fitzpatrick's sister found him dead late Thursday in their attic.

The boy wrote a letter last month describing bullying he suffered at Brooklyn's Holy Angels Catholic Academy. His father says in a Facebook video that he told school officials about the bullying.

— The Associated Press