



# BROOME COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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## BROOME COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE PRESS RELEASE

### *Five Felony Weapons Charges in Town of Fenton*

(TOWN OF FENTON, NY) A Port Crane man is facing five felony weapons charges and several misdemeanors following a domestic violence report on Monday.

On April 3, 2023, the Broome County Sheriff's Office received a report of a domestic argument over house chores that quickly escalated to involve physical choking and death threats with a loaded weapon.

The victim reported that earlier that day, her ex-boyfriend, Stephen K. Pudiak, age 30 of Port Crane, NY, became irate during an argument and placed a loaded 9mm handgun against her temple, threatening to murder her. Throughout the argument, Pudiak allegedly choked the victim, told her to say goodbye to her 3-year-old daughter, who was also at the residence, and repeatedly pointed the gun at her saying, "Bang! Bang!"

The victim reported that she snuck away from their Town of Fenton residence to file charges with the Broome County Sheriff's Office when Pudiak fell asleep.

Following the report from the victim, Broome County Sheriff's Deputies made contact with Pudiak and took him into custody without issue. Due to the nature of the call, patrols seized Pudiak's firearms in the residence for evidence and as part of a Temporary Extreme Risk Protection Order.

Five of Pudiak's firearms were found to be illegal for him to possess, along with six 30-round high-capacity magazines, some of which were partially loaded. Broome County Family Court Judge Mark Young subsequently revoked Pudiak's pistol permit.

Stephen K. Pudiak was taken to the Broome County Sheriff's Office Central Arraignment and charged with the following:

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**General Information:**  
(607) 778-1911

**Fiscal:**  
(607) 778-2928

**Garnishees:**  
(607) 778-2926

**Civil:**  
(607) 778-2145

**Identification:**  
(607) 778-2924

**Records:**  
(607) 778-2166

- Five counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree, Class D Felonies
- Six counts of Unlawful Possession of a Large Capacity Ammunition Feeding Device, a Class A Misdemeanor
- One count of Criminal Obstruction of Breathing, a Class A Misdemeanor
- One count of Menacing in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree, a Class A Misdemeanor

Firearms recovered included:

- Tavor Assault Rifle .223 caliber with scope
- Tavor Assault Rifle 5.56 with scope
- Ruger Sturm Assault Rifle 5.56 with scope
- Aero Multi-Caliber Assault Rifle 5.56 with light
- Aero Multi-Caliber p15 Assault Rifle 5.56
- Mossberg Model 185D 12 gauge bolt action shotgun with no serial number
- USSR 7.62x54 bolt action rifle
- Mossberg 835 12 gauge pump action shotgun
- New England Firearms 12 guage single shot shotgun
- Six 30-round high capacity PMAG magazines, some containing ammunition

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