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Stolen Vehicle Stop Leads to Arrest for Cocaine Possession with Intent to Sell

(KIRKWOOD, NY) A stolen vehicle traffic stop in the Town of Kirkwood led to an arrest on multiple felony drug charges for cocaine possession last week.

On May 7, 2023, a patrolling Broome County Sheriff's Office deputy identified a vehicle near Loves Travel Stop at 2 Industrial Park Dr. as reported stolen by the City of Binghamton Police. After stopping the vehicle and confirming its status, the deputy observed multiple plastic bags containing a white substance and a digital scale near the center console. When questioned, the driver claimed the substance was cocaine for personal use.

Further investigation led to the recovery of four plastic bags containing a total of 11.3 grams of white powder testing positive for cocaine, a digital scale and \$1,423.00 in cash from the vehicle.

Following the investigation, the driver, Jorge M. Cortina Jr., age 38 of Binghamton, NY, was arrested and charged with the following:

- Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance with Intent to Sell in the 3rd Degree, a Class B Felony
- Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the 4th Degree, a Class C Felony
- Criminally Using Drug Paraphernalia in the 1st Degree, a Class D Felony

Cortina was processed and issued an appearance ticket to answer for his charges on June 7, 2023 in the Town of Kirkwood Court.

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