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MEDIA RELEASE

Prepared by: Lt. Jacob Young	Date Prepared: 11/5/2020 @ 6:00 PM
Type of Incident: Violent Subject Taken Into Custody	
Date and Time of Incident: 11/5/2020 at about 3:36 PM	
Location of Incident: W State St / Plain St. Ithaca, NY	
Suspect: Benjamin Thonney Ithaca, NY 14850	

On Thursday, November 5, 2020, at about 3:36 PM a subject who is the suspect in several violent crimes within the last 6 days was taken safely into custody. It was believed that this subject was a person experiencing psychosis and unusual behavior. Ithaca Police coordinated with Mid lakes Assertive Community Treatment Team and the Tompkins County Mobile Crisis Team to assist in the coordination of swift medical intervention once he was in custody.

Ithaca Police Department's Multi-Jurisdictional SWAT Team (which includes members from TCSO), the Ithaca Police Patrol Division, and the Investigations Division coordinated to take the subject into custody safely and get him to medical intervention at a local hospital. The subject was found to be in possession of a knife at the time he was taken into custody. The subject would not fit into a marked patrol car, so for the safety of the individual, he was transported in a department passenger van to meet Bangs EMS.

Pending charges from incidents involving the subject include:

- 10-31-20: Assault in the Second Degree: NYS PL: 120.05 (3) Class D Felony
Criminal Mishief 3rd Degree: NYS PL: 145.05 (2) Class E Felony
- 11-03-20: Menacing a Police Officer: NYS PL: 120.18 Class D Felony
- 11-05-20: Robbery in the 3rd Degree: NYS PL: 160.05 Class D Felony

Thonney will be arraigned at a later date in Ithaca City Court.

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