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Davenport, NY – Today, Sheriff Craig S. DuMond announced that an Oneonta area man is facing numerous felony charges following an early Friday morning robbery attempt.

At approximately 4:30 a.m., Friday morning, June 4, 2021, Sheriff's Deputies responded to report of an attempted robbery at a Pine Cliff Circle, Town of Davenport, residence. Upon arrival of Deputies, the victims reported that an acquaintance demanded their cash, then sprayed them with a self-defense type spray before attempting to strike them with a hammer. The suspect, identified by the victims as 28-year-old Elijah G. Vergari of Oneonta, NY, had fled prior to arrival of the Deputy.

Vergari was later located and taken into custody in the City of Oneonta by members of the Oneonta City Police Department and was turned over to members of the Delaware County Sheriff's Office.

Upon conclusion of an investigation by Deputies and Criminal Investigators, Vergari was arrested and charged with attempted robbery in the first degree, criminal possession of a weapon in the third degree, two counts of attempted assault in the second degree, attempted petit larceny and unlawful possession of a noxious material.

Vergari was arraigned via a virtual teleconference conducted by Town of Stamford Court Justice Jacqueline Lamport. Orders of protection were issued for the victims and, due to his prior felony convictions, Vergari was remanded to the Delaware County Correctional Facility to be held without bail pending further court proceedings.