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Delhi, NY- Today, Sheriff Craig S. DuMond announced the arrest of two Morris, NY men on multiple felony charges related to a string of burglaries the two men committed earlier in 2021.

During the months of July and August 2021, The Delaware County Sheriff's Office investigated multiple burglaries in the Towns of Masonville, Tompkins, Franklin and Hamden, which had been committed between June and August, 2021. During the same time frame, the New York State Police also received multiple reports of similar burglaries in the same areas.

After a month long investigation, on August 17th, 2021, Delaware County Sheriff's Deputies and Investigators arrested 40-year-old Randy Hawkins and 38-year-old George Klinger III, both of Morris, NY, for a Burglary the two committed in the Town of Hamden earlier that date. The two were initially charged with one count each of Burglary in the First Degree, Criminal Use of a Firearm in the First Degree and Criminal Mischief. Subsequent to that arrest, a Search Warrant was executed at the Morris, NY residence shared by Hawkins and Klinger. Evidence secured pursuant to that Search Warrant implicated Hawkins and Klinger in multiple additional burglaries.

Upon further investigation, Klinger and Hawkins were arrested on 12/30/21 and charged with an additional fifteen (15) counts each of Burglary in the Third Degree in connection with separate burglaries the two committed in the Towns of Masonville, Tompkins, Franklin and Hamden. Both defendants remain incarcerated on the original Burglary charges and will be arraigned in the Town of Hamden on the current charges at a later time.

The Delaware County Sheriff's Office was assisted in their investigation, by NYS Troopers and Investigators, the NYSP Crime Laboratory, and members of the Otsego County Sheriff's Office.

Speaking on the arrest, Sheriff Craig DuMond remarked, "here are two more bail reform success stories for our Governor and State Legislature to embrace as successes. Both of these defendants have lengthy criminal histories that string back to mandatory releases as part of NYS Bail Reform Legislation. One of the arrests being possession of a stolen handgun that resulted in a mandatory release. When are our elected leaders going to wake up and realize the reform needs to be reformed?...We really need to begin to go back to protecting victims of crime rather than being infatuated with the criminals who create those victims".