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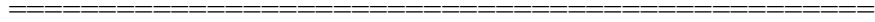
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District Attorney Matthew Van Houten announced today that Richard A. Marks, Jr., 39, of Newfield, was convicted by a jury this afternoon of the crimes of Menacing a Police Officer (two counts), Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the Third Degree and Criminal Contempt in the Second Degree. Menacing a Police Officer, the most serious charge, is a Class D violent felony which is punishable by up to 8 years in State Prison. The indictment charged Marks with firing a shotgun near Tompkins County Sheriff's Deputies on April 15, 2023 as they were responding to a domestic disturbance involving Marks and a third-party in Newfield.

Marks was convicted after a jury trial in the Tompkins County Court. The trial commenced on Monday, April 8 and concluded on Tuesday, April 16, 2024. Marks was remanded to the Tompkins County Jail pending sentencing.

Sentencing has been scheduled for June 5, 2024, at 9:30 a.m. before Judge Joseph R. Cassidy.

Assistant District Attorney Emily Perks Quinlan prosecuted the case. Michael Witmer from Rochester represented the defendant.
