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## **WILLIAMSVILLE MAN CHARGED WITH BOMB MAKING**

BUFFALO, N.Y. -- U.S. Attorney William J. Hochul, Jr. announced today that Duncan Badding, 25, of Williamsville, N.Y., was charged by Criminal Complaint with unlawfully making and unlawfully possessing destructive devices. While the investigation continues, the charge carries a maximum penalty of five years in prison, a \$10,000 or both.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Joel L. Violanti, who is handling the case, stated that the Amherst Police Department and Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives executed a search of the defendant's residence, at 66 Williamsburg Square in Williamsville. During the search, law enforcement officers discovered many different volatile and explosive substances, chemicals and mixtures. In addition, several apparent destructive devices, or combination of parts and devices designed or intended to be used or converted into destructive devices, were also found.

"After thorough investigation by our law enforcement partners at the federal and local levels, our Office determined that the behavior alleged in this case rose to the level of federal charges," said U.S. Attorney Hochul. "The use of any type of explosive device cannot be taken lightly, especially when done in a residential area. This case is a good example of collaboration among law enforcement at all levels and the investigation will continue."

The Criminal Complaint is the culmination of an investigation on the part of officers from the Amherst Police Department, under the direction of Chief John Askey, Special Agents of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, under the direction of Resident Agent in Charge Frank Christiano, and Special Agents

from the Federal Bureau of Investigation, under the direction of Special Agent in Charge Christopher m. Piehota.

The fact that a defendant has been charged with a crime is merely an accusation and the defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.