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Sheriff's Office Arrest 19 at Party with Underage Drinking

Ghent, NY – Columbia County Sheriff David Harrison, Jr. reports that Sheriff's Patrols were dispatched by County 911 to the Edgewood Acres Mobile Home Park on Rte 203 in Ghent, NY at 1:22am on March 25, 2012 for reports of a party with loud music and drinking.

Upon arrival Deputy Sheriff's found that an 18 year old female was hosting a party at her residence where underage individuals were possessing and drinking alcoholic beverages. The female resides at the residence with her father who was in New Jersey at the time of the party. When contacted, he advised that he did not give permission or have knowledge of the party at his residence.

In addition Deputy Sheriff's charged 2 twenty year olds, Eric Peterson (20) and Stephen Pabon (20) both from Hudson, NY, and 16 other individuals ranging in age from 16 to 18 years old who reside in various locations within Columbia County, and one in Troy, NY. They were each charged with the Alcohol Beverage and Control Law violation of Unlawful Possession of an Alcoholic Beverage by a Person Under the Age of 21. All those charged were issued appearance tickets directing them to appear in the Ghent Town Court April 16th @ 6:30pm.

Those involved were turned over to someone over 21, (ie. parents, guardians etc...) who had not been drinking.

The investigation is continuing at this time and additional charges are possible.