



# WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

## NEWS RELEASE

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Date of Incident: Sunday, June 24, 2018

Time of Incident: 1:44 AM

Incident Location: Dodge Rd

Township: Whitehall

Case # 2018-008521

### INDIVIDUALS INVOLVED:

1. Matthew F. Ricketts

Age: 24

Address: Lemayville Way Hampton, NY



Charges Filed: Endangering the Welfare of a Child (1 count) and Unlawfully Dealing with a Child 1<sup>st</sup> (2 counts), both class A Misdemeanors

Arrested: Yes

Court: Centralized

Mug Shot | Photo Attached:

Lodged: No

Bail: None

ROR'd :

**INCIDENT SUMMARY:** According to Sheriff Jeffrey J. Murphy, On June 24<sup>th</sup> 2018 at approximately 1:44 AM, the Washington County Sheriff's Office was checking the end of Dodge Rd in the Town of Whitehall after reports that there had been underage drinking parties taking place in the area.

The Deputies found a large bonfire and party at the dead end of the road with approximately 100 people in attendance, some who were underage. As a result of the Deputies Investigation they charged Matthew Ricketts with the above charges for having organized the party where several underage children had been consuming alcoholic beverages.

While speaking with Mr. Ricketts it was determined he was being sought for a charge for an incident where he had an underage party at his home on Lemayville Way in March 2018 and had been avoiding arrest. Mr. Ricketts was charged with an additional charge of Unlawfully Dealing with a Child 1<sup>st</sup> from March for the Town of Hampton. Mr. Ricketts was held and arraigned in Centralized Arraignment in the morning where he was released on his own recognizance. The investigation is continuing and additional charges may be possible

**Officer(s) Handling:** Sgt. Robert Sullivan, Deputies Lance Barber, Matthew Jackson, Whitehall PD Officer Greco and the NYSP

**News Release completed by:** Captain Tony LeClaire