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# MECHANICVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

July 16, 2023

### **Charges:**

DWI	1 Count	Misdemeanor
Aggravated Unlicensed Operation	1 Count	Misdemeanor
Leaving the scene of a property damage accident	1 Count	Traffic Infraction

### **Arrested:**

**FORD, Matthew M (39)**  
**Mechanicville**

Early Sunday morning, July 16, 2023, at about 1:30 am, Mechanicville Police responded to a report of a hit-and-run auto accident in the area of Railroad Street and Broadway. When police arrived, they discovered significant damage to Denier Place, a memorial dedicated to the memory of Marine Lance Corporal Anthony Denier, who was killed in action in 2012. Police then located an occupied vehicle with heavy front-end damage in the area of Broadway and 3rd. The operator of the vehicle, identified as **Matthew M Ford**, exhibited signs of intoxication, leading officers to conduct field sobriety testing. **Ford** was subsequently arrested for driving while intoxicated and leaving the scene of a property damage auto accident, among other charges. **Ford** was processed at police headquarters and released on an appearance ticket pending further court action.

The Mechanicville Police Department recognizes that persons arrested for crimes are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law. People reviewing these arrests should understand that an arrest is often the first step of many in the criminal justice process.