



# Utica Police Department

## Press Release



Brief Description of Incident: On Thursday, April 29, 2010 at about 3:50 PM, Officers Michael Curley and James Holt, of the Utica Police Department's Special Operations Unit, working in conjunction with the Metro Unit observed a white Oldsmobile commit a traffic infraction on the city's east side. The officers attempted to conduct a vehicle stop at the intersection of Albany Street and Mary Street, when the operator, who was later identified as Jamal Mathis, failed to comply, passed a stopped school bus which had its flashers and stop sign activated, drove over a side walk and fled the scene at a high rate of speed. A short vehicle pursuit ensued, which ended after the Oldsmobile ran the stop sign at Mohawk Street and Lansing Street and struck a green Lexus that was passing through the intersection. Mathis then fled on foot and after a brief chase was taken into custody with further incident. The operator of the Lexus had a complaint of pain, was transported to a local hospital and was treated and released.

Suspects/ Persons Arrested:

Jamal M. Mathis, 21 years old of Utica, who is NYS Parole.



As a result of this incident Mathis had his parole status revoked and was charged with the following and held for arraignment in Utica City Court:

Reckless Endangerment 2<sup>nd</sup>, a misdemeanor  
Unlawfully Fleeing a Police Officer in a Motor Vehicle 3<sup>rd</sup>, a misdemeanor  
Obstructing Governmental Administration 2<sup>nd</sup>, a misdemeanor  
Aggravated Unlicensed Operation 3<sup>rd</sup>, a misdemeanor (Suspended License)  
Operating a MV with Suspended Plates and No Insurance, both misdemeanors  
Reckless Driving, a misdemeanor  
Warrant for Disorderly Conduct, a violation  
Along with multiple Vehicle and Traffic Law violations

Units/ Departments Involved:

The Utica Police Department's Special Operations Unit,  
Metro Unit, Uniformed Patrol Division and the New York State Division of Parole