

# Clinton County Sheriff's Office

## News Release

### Joint Press Release

Clinton County Sheriff David Favro, Essex County Sheriff Richard Cutting, Essex County Sheriff-Elect Dave Reynolds and Franklin County Sheriff Kevin Mulverhill, in conjunction with New York State Department of Corrections and Community Supervision (Northeast Area Office and Office of Special Investigations, Threats and Apprehension Division), announce the arrest of Martin Richards.

Richards was convicted in 1997 of Murder 2nd Degree for the murder of his grandfather. Richards was granted parole after serving 15 years of his sentence but subsequently violated the conditions of his release, and was returned to prison. Richards was most recently released again to parole supervision in February of this year, but had recently violated the terms of his release, and had absconded from parole supervision. Richards whereabouts were unknown.

NYSDOCCS issued a Warrant for Richards. Through investigation with family and acquaintances, Richards was believed to be armed. Richards allegedly made comments that he would not go back to prison. NYSDOCCS parole officers and OSI (Office of Special Investigations) searched for Richards with the assistance of the Clinton-Essex-Franklin Special Response Team in the wilderness and towns of the greater Essex County area. After several days of searching, using multiple assets, including assistance from the United States Customs and Border Protection Air and Marine Division, Richards' location was found.

On Saturday December 15th, 2018, Richards was taken into custody by the Clinton-Essex-Franklin Special Response Team without incident. Richards was placed in the Essex County Jail on the DOCCS Warrant.