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RE: Criminal Possession of a Weapon arrest

Sheriff David Gould reports that The Cayuga County Sheriff's Office has arrested **Joseph J. Contrera age 55 of 5460 Lockwood Rd. Auburn, N.Y.** on charges relating to the unlawful possession of numerous firearms and other weapons.

On 06/22/10 Detectives executed a search warrant at Contrera's residence at which time one semi-automatic handgun, four long guns and numerous other weapons prohibited by law to possess were seized. Some of the deadly weapons seized consisted of chukka sticks, a switchblade knife, a kung fu star and a metal knuckle knife all of which are defined as deadly weapons by New York State Penal Law and are illegal to possess. A small quantity of marihuana was also seized. Contrera is a convicted felon and therefore cannot legally possess firearms.

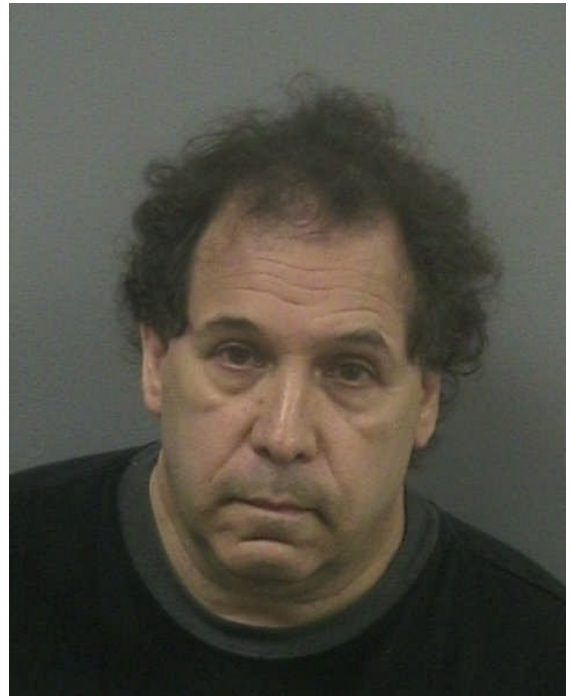
Joseph J. Contrera was arrested at his residence at 8:45am this morning ( 06/23/10 ) and charged with the following:

- **1 count Criminal Possession of a weapon in the third degree- felony**
- **9 counts Criminal Possession of a weapon in the fourth degree- misdemeanor**
- **1 count of Unlawful Possession of Marihuana- violation**

Contrera was arraigned in the Town of Aurelius Court and remanded to the Cayuga County Jail in lieu of \$5000.00 cash or \$10,000 bond.

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**Joseph J. Contrera**