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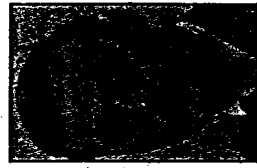
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County lawmaker focus of inquiry

► State police look into Jeff Blauvelt's paperwork with Seneca DMV

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AUBURN — County Legislator Jeff Blauvelt acknowledged Tuesday he is the subject of a state Department of Motor Vehicles complaint that has triggered a state police inquiry into one of



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Motors Inc. car dealership and paperwork he filed six months ago, but he would not specify the nature of the documents.

"I can tell you it had nothing to do with the business of the Legislature," said Blauvelt, chairman of a Legislature committee that oversees the DMV in the county. "I'm not going to comment any further at this time."

The paperwork was filed with the Seneca County DMV office and, as standard practice, the doc-

uments were sent to the DMV in Blauvelt's county of residence, Cayuga. Cayuga County DMV Supervisor John Neville then alerted state police to what he considered an improper transaction, said Joe Marshall, the Cayuga County clerk.

Marshall said the transaction involved a car dealer's license in the name of one of Blauvelt's businesses. He said a state police officer who investigates DMV issues has responded to Neville's com-

plaint, but didn't know specifics of the conversation.

Neville wouldn't provide any information on the matter. "I'm not at liberty to say anything," he said.

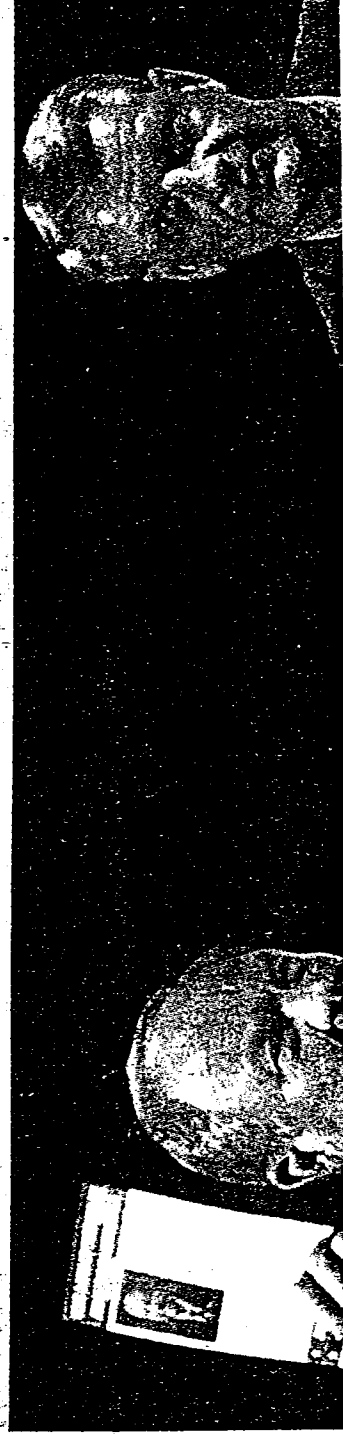
Inv. Steve Kelly, the officer assigned to DMV inquiries for Troop E in Canandaigua, could not be reached for comment. Representatives of the Seneca County DMV office also could not be reached for comment.

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Flight 587's harrowing moments before crash

WASHINGTON (AP) — During the final moments of American Airlines Flight 587, the pilots struggled in vain to keep the

Sheriff candidates shoot from hip



PRESS RELEASE

Through a combined investigation which included New York State Police, New York State Department of Motor Vehicles Office of Field Investigation and the Seneca County District Attorney's Office; Jeffrey Q. Blauvelt, age 44, of 48 Belmont Avenue, Auburn, NY was arrested this date, November 13, 2002, on a bench warrant from the Seneca County Court. Mr. Blauvelt was arrested at his place of business, B&B Auto Body, 78 West Street, Auburn, NY and taken before Seneca County Court Judge Falvey. At that time, a sealed Seneca County Grand Jury indictment was handed up charging Mr. Blauvelt with the following criminal charges. Two counts of Criminal Possession of a Forged Instrument, 2nd Degree, D Felonies; two counts of Falsifying Business Records in the 1st Degree, E Felonies, three counts of Offering a False Instrument for Filing in the 1st Degree, E Felonies and two counts of Criminal Possession of Stolen Property in the 5th Degree, A Misdemeanors. Judge Falvey adjourned the court proceedings until December 3, 2002 at 9:30AM. Mr. Blauvelt was released without bail pending this court date. The above charges all deal with Mr. Blauvelt's private business at B&B Auto Body and not with his employment as a Cayuga County Legislator from District #10. These charges are all associated with the New York State Department of Motor Vehicle forms which include MV-50's. The indictment alleges that these MV-50 forms were illegally possessed by Mr. Blauvelt and were falsely completed and filed by Mr. Blauvelt with the New York State Department of Motor Vehicles in Seneca County. At the time of arrest, a search warrant was executed at B&B Auto Body and a complete search of the property was conducted. At this time, no further information is available as to any illegal forms or documents found in regard to the search warrant. Anyone with further information regarding any possible illegal Department of Motor Vehicle violations, contact the New York State Police at Auburn, 315-255-2766.