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Press Release

Sheriff Joel Merry announces the arrest of **John Zenonos** (age 26) of 441 Litchfield Road in Bowdoin, Maine. Mr. Zenonos has been charged with Kidnapping (class A), Domestic Assault (class D), Domestic Terrorizing (class D), Criminal Mischief (class D), and Obstructing the Report of a Crime (class D).

These charges stem from an incident, on March 19, 2011 at around noontime, where Sheriff's Deputy's, Cpl. Aaron Schofield & Adam Temple, responded to a neighbor's house in Bowdoin where the ex-girlfriend had fled to hide from her assailant. The Deputy's were assisted by Richmond and Topsham police officers. The victim reported that she had been threatened with her life, beaten about the head and face by Zenonos, had her cell phone destroyed by him and her outer clothing removed in an apparent attempt to keep her in the house. The assaults were so significant that she almost lost consciousness. In between the assaults, Zenonos called a current girlfriend and asked her to come to the house to help him and it was at a around this point that the victim was able to flee.

Sheriff's deputy's were able to stop the new girlfriend (**Amy Belanger** age 27 of 176 Moose Hill Road Livermore Falls, Maine) as she drove toward the house. She was subsequently arrested for possession of a loaded and concealed 9 mm handgun. She was charged with Possession of a concealed weapon and possession of a loaded firearm in a vehicle, both misdemeanor crimes.

Both Zenonos and Belanger were arrested without further incident and both he and Belanger were transported to Two Bridges Regional Jail.