

## Hearing set in assault weapons case

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WATERLOO — A hearing will be held in the case of a Geneva man accused of having stolen assault weapons in Seneca Falls last September.

During an appearance by Gary Goodman in Seneca County Court Monday, Judge Dennis Bender scheduled a suppression hearing for March 29. Goodman is being represented by local [attorney Steven Getman](#).

Goodman, 56, of 133 Elm St., was arrested Sept. 28 by Seneca Falls police following an investigation into rifles that were reported stolen earlier that month from an apartment on Peterman Road in the town. Also arrested was a woman living with Goodman at the time, 41-year-old Christine Maddox.

Goodman faces charges of third-degree criminal possession of a weapon and fourth-degree criminal possession of stolen property. The weapons charge, a class D felony, is punishable by up to seven years in prison.

Goodman and Maddox were arrested following a traffic stop on Bridge Street in Seneca Falls and later indicted by a county grand jury. Police said they stopped a vehicle Goodman and Maddox were in after learning they were in the area and had the stolen guns.

Police added that Goodman and Maddox had two concealed guns in the trunk, one with an illegally modified barrel and stock. Neither weapon was loaded, but police said they found three magazines with bullets near the guns in the trunk, and the serial numbers on the guns matched the ones reported stolen.

One of the weapons was a sawed-off Mossberg .22-caliber “Plinkster” rifle and the other an AK-47 assault rifle. Police later arrested a 14-year-old boy

accused of stealing the rifles from the Peterman Road home and giving them to Goodman and Maddox.

The teen, who was charged with felony counts of second-degree burglary and fourth-degree grand larceny, had his case handled in family court.

Maddox, who is being represented by county Public Defender John Nabinger, faces similar charges to Goodman but is cooperating in the case against him. In a previous court appearance, Nabinger said Maddox believes she is innocent and “wants her day in court.”

Getman, however, plans to contest statements Maddox made to police and prosecutors in the case against Goodman.

“Her confession is basically an indictment of my client,” he said.

Goodman remains in the Seneca County Jail on \$10,000 cash bail or \$20,000 bond. Maddox also faces charges stemming from two other arrests, one in Seneca County and the other in Ontario County.

Last November, she was charged with fourth-degree criminal sale of marijuana (a misdemeanor) for allegedly selling marijuana in the village of Waterloo. She was taken to the county jail on \$5,000 bail.

After getting out on bail, she was charged Jan. 28 with petty larceny for allegedly stealing about \$55 worth of merchandise from the Geneva Walmart. She was taken to the Ontario County Jail on \$1,500 cash bail or \$3,000 bond.

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