

**ONEIDA JUDICIARY**  
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**TRIAL COURT**

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**Oneida Nation / Oneida Police Department,**  
**Petitioners**

**v.**

**CASE NO: 21-CT-044**  
**21-CT-045**

**Shaleena D. Danforth,**  
**Defendant**

**Date: January 24, 2022**

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**DEFAULT JUDGMENT**

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This case has come before the Oneida Trial Court, Honorable Layatalati Hill presiding.

Appearing in person: Attorney Kelly McAndrews, representing the Petitioners.

Not appearing: Defendant, Shaleena D. Danforth.

**BACKGROUND**

Two citations, 21-CT-044 and 21-CT-045, were issued to the Defendant on November 25, 2021, for violating Oneida Code of Laws section 309.9-8, Possession of Prohibited Drugs, 1<sup>st</sup> offense and section 309.6-8, Interfering with Lawful Arrest or Resisting Arrest, 1<sup>st</sup> offense. A hearing was held on January 20, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.

**FINDING OF FACTS**

1. The Court has subject matter, personal and territorial jurisdiction over this matter.
2. The Defendant received proper notice.
3. The Defendant was issued a citation on November 25, 2021, for Possession of Prohibited Drugs, 1<sup>st</sup> offense.
4. The Defendant was issued another citation on November 25, 2021, Interfering with Lawful Arrest or Resisting Arrest, 1<sup>st</sup> offense.
5. The Defendant was required to appear.
6. The Defendant did not appear at the hearing on January 20, 2022.
7. The Defendant was found in default for failure to appear.
8. The Petitioner presented clear and convincing evidence the Defendant was in possession of prohibited drugs.
9. The Petitioner presented clear and convincing evidence the Defendant interfered with a lawful arrest or resisted arrest.

## **PRINCIPLES OF LAW**

### Oneida Code of Laws Title 3. Health and Public Safety - Chapter 309 Public Peace:

309.6-8. Interfering with Lawful Arrest or Resisting Arrest. A person commits the civil infraction of interfering with lawful arrest or resisting arrest if by force, violence or other means, he or she:

- (a) interferes, hinders or resists any Oneida Police Department officer in the performance of his or her official duties;
- (b) flees from any Oneida Police Department officer who is attempting to lawfully arrest or detain him or her; or
- (c) assists another to avoid a lawful arrest or harbors a fugitive.

309.9-8. Possession of Prohibited Drugs. A person commits the civil infraction of possession of prohibited drugs if he or she possesses or consumes a prohibited drug or is in possession of any drug paraphernalia

### Oneida Code of Laws Title 8. Judiciary – Chapter 807 Citations:

807.6-1. *Citation Pre-Hearing.*

- (f) If a defendant does not appear at the pre-hearing or submit written notice that he or she is contesting the citation when there is a non-mandatory appearance, and the defendant has not entered into a stipulation or paid the fine and/or penalty as listed on the citation, the Court may proceed to enter a default judgment.
  - (1) A default judgment may include any fine amount due, restitution, suspension of any rights, privileges, or licensures, and/or any other penalty authorized by law.

## **ANALYSIS**

The Defendant was cited for a violation of section 309.9-8, Possession of Prohibited Drugs and section 309.6-8, Interfering with Lawful Arrest or Resisting Arrest. The Defendant is required to appear for such violations and a failure to do so may result in a default judgment. Here, the Defendant did not appear or provide written notice she was contesting the citation. The Defendant also did not enter into a stipulation or pay the fine listed on the citation. Therefore, the Court ordered a default judgment as described below.

## ORDER

A default judgment is entered in favor of the Petitioner and against the Defendant in the amount as follows:

**1. 21-CT-044: 1<sup>st</sup> offense, Possession of Prohibited Drugs – 309.9-8.**

<b>Fine:</b>	<b>\$250.00</b>
<b>Court Costs:</b>	<b><u>\$25.00</u></b>
<b>Amount owed by Defendant:</b>	<b>\$275.00</b>

**2. 21-CT-045: 1<sup>st</sup> offense, Interfering with Lawful Arrest or Resisting Arrest – 309.6-8.**

<b>Fine:</b>	<b>\$250.00</b>
<b>Court Costs:</b>	<b><u>\$25.00</u></b>
<b>Amount owed by Defendant:</b>	<b>\$275.00</b>

**Total amount owed by Defendant:                    \$550.00**

**3.** The total amount due is payable to the Oneida Judiciary **within 90 calendar days** from the date this Order is signed. Failure to pay is subject to the Nation’s laws and remedies.

**The parties have the right to appeal within 30 calendar days in accordance with the Nation’s laws.**

IT IS SO ORDERED.

By the authority vested in the Oneida Judiciary pursuant to Resolution 01-07-13-B of the General Tribal Council this Order is signed on January 24, 2022.

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Layatalati Hill, Chief Trial Court Judge