

West Seneca man accused of robbing woman in M&T parking lot

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CHEEKTOWAGA – A West Seneca man was arrested by Cheektowaga Police Friday for robbing a woman at gunpoint in the parking lot of M&T Bank at the Thruway Plaza.

The incident happened around 11:39 am. Cheektowaga Police say, Miguel Cruz, 43, of Chamberlin Street West Seneca, approached a woman as she was getting into her car, brandished a gun and demanded money. The suspect fled in a brown SUV type vehicle with a partial license plate given to the officers.

Detectives James Genson, Christopher Chojnacki, and Eric Broska used that information to eventually identify the suspect, and with the assistance of patrol officers, he was arrested near his home a short time later.

Mr. Cruz is charged with Robbery in the 2nd Degree, Criminal Possession of Stolen Property, and Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance. He will be arraigned in Cheektowaga Town Court Saturday morning.

The weapon and money from the robbery were recovered.

