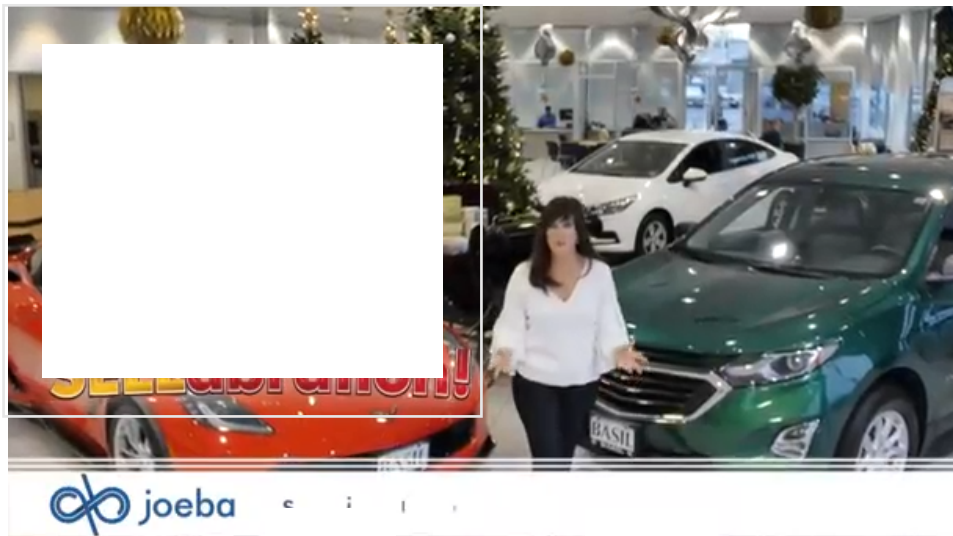


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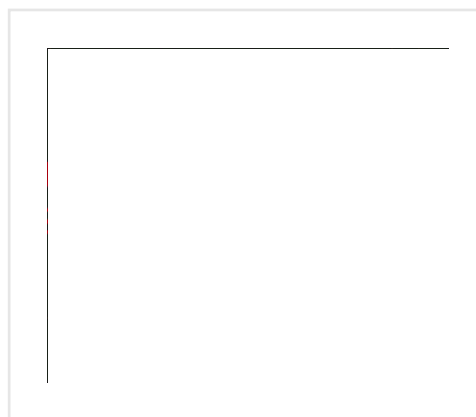


Cheektowaga PD

... where people can exchange goods and money for e-commerce sales.

CHEEKTOWAGA, N.Y. — The Cheektowaga Police Department established a 'safe trade station' where people can exchange money and items people are buying or selling online.

The safe area is located in the department's lobby which is under constant video and audio surveillance. Transactions for larger items can happen outside in the parking lot where there are surveillance cameras. The department is looking at adding designated parking spots in the future.



People who wish to conduct a transaction can do so at any time and do not need to make an appointment with police. Officers will not be directly involved in the sales.

The City of Tonawanda established [a similar e-commerce exchange zone](#) last year. It is located outside in two designated parking spots in front of the police department and is also under surveillance.

Cheektowaga's safe zone is the first in Erie County directly connected to SafeTrade, a program to help users of online classifieds trade safely.

There are two other specific [SafeTrade locations](#) in New York — one in Suffolk County and the other at the Livingston County Sheriff's Office.

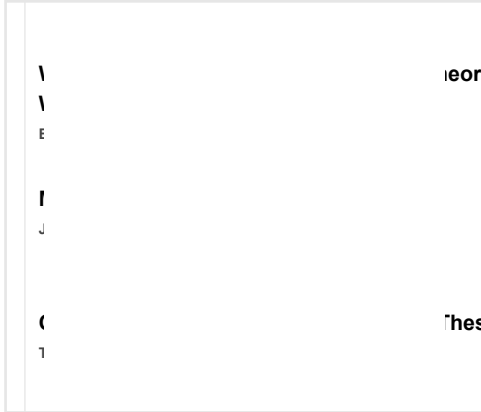
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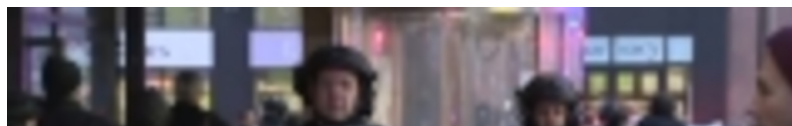
'Explosion' at Manhattan Bus Terminal

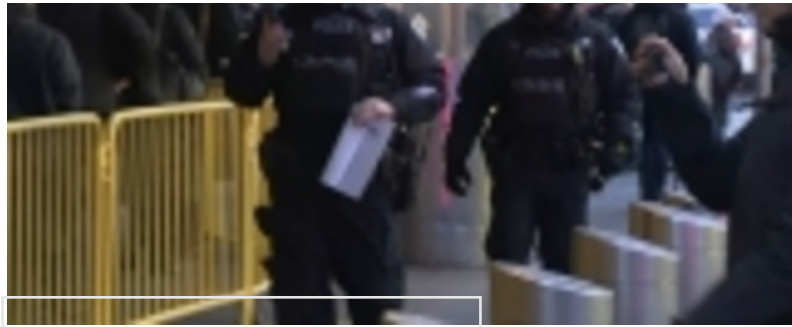


attack near

The man, Akayed Ullah, 27, was taken into custody and rushed to a hospital with burns and other injuries

Subway lines were evacuated and dozens of emergency vehicles swarmed the area near New York's Times Square on Monday after a terrorism-related explosion triggered chaos near a busy transit hub.





Fou ed in the blast, authorities said. None of the injuries
 was
 Gov icident" involved a "low-tech" device.
 "Th expectation and fear," he said.
 Poli ast occurred on a below-ground walkway connecting
 sub ound an injured man wearing an improvised, low-tech
 exp tonated," O'Neill said.
 The stody and rushed to a hospital with burns and other
 injuffered minor injuries, O'Neill said.

"We are New Yorkers, we don't live in fear," O'Neill said.

While details are still emerging, I want to salute and thank [@NYPD](#) [@FDNY](#) and all our 1st Responders for their swift response to the explosion today.

— Rep. Nydia Velazquez ([@NydiaVelazquez](#)) [December 11, 2017](#)

The blast came at a time when the area was packed with commuters and holiday tourists in a city still on edge from a terror attack six weeks ago that claimed eight lives.

"The NYPD is responding to reports of an explosion of unknown origin at 42nd Street and 8th Ave, #Manhattan," Police Department said in a tweet. "The A, C and E line are being evacuated at this time. Info is preliminary, more when available."

Two hours later, all trains and buses were running, O'Neill said.

"While details are still emerging, I want to salute and thank [@NYPD](#) [@FDNY](#) and all our 1st Responders for their swift response to the explosion today," tweeted Rep. Nydia Margarita Velázquez, whose district includes parts of Lower Manhattan.

After the blast, the Port Authority said its sprawling terminal remained open except for the entrance to the subway on Eighth Avenue. Later, the terminal was closed for about an hour before reopening.

President Trump was being briefed on the incident, the White House said.

On Oct. 31, a motorist in a rented pickup drove down a lower Manhattan bike path, killing eight people and wounding a dozen more before crashing into a school bus.

The Islamic State claimed responsibility, and Sayfullo Saipov, a 29-year-old Uzbekistan native and New Jersey resident, was charged with providing material support to ISIS, violence and destruction of motor vehicles.

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