

# Town board honors men who helped stop Dollar General shooter

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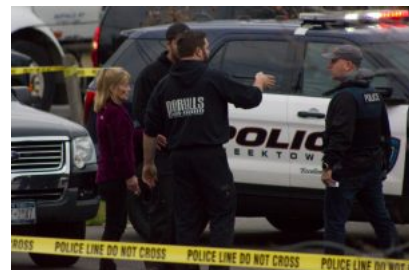
*The Cheektowaga Town Council honors Mark Pinnavaia and Chris Kaufmann during their town board meeting on January 23rd. (Jim Herr/Cheektowaga Chronicle)*

CHEEKTOWAGA – Two men who jumped into action and helped stop the Dollar General active shooter on November 14th were honored by the Cheektowaga Town Board during their regular meeting Tuesday night.

Supervisor Diane Benczkowski and the board presented the pair with proclamations highlighting their bravery and heroism in stopping the active shooter.

Mark Pinnavaia and Chris Kaufmann were working across the street from the store at Daryll's Car Audio when the gunshot started to ring out.

"Mark jumped into his car and drove towards the shooter, clipping the shooter when he attempted to jump over the vehicle," said Ms. Benczkowski. "Mark and Chris pursued the shooter on foot until the Cheektowaga Police Department was able to [intercept the suspect and place him under arrest.](#)"



*The owner and employees of Daryll's Car Audio were commended by the*

Cheektowaga Chronicle interviewed Mr. Pinnavaia [the day after the incident happened](#), [read what he told readers](#).

*Cheektowaga Police Chief for their bravery when a gunman opened fire at the Dollar General store on November 14th. (Jim Herr/Cheektowaga Chronicle)*