

Grand jury to hear Kensington Expressway hit-and-run

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A vehicle rolled over several times along the Westbound Kensington Expressway on May 15, 2018. (Jim Herr/Cheektowaga Chronicle)

CHEEKTOWAGA – A grand jury will review a hit-and-run crash which sent one man to the hospital and slowed traffic on the Westbound Kensington Expressway to a crawl last Tuesday.

Carlton D. Tompkins, 31, of Westminster Avenue Buffalo was aggressively driving a 2007 Lincoln MKZ when the crash happened around 4:51 pm according to Cheektowaga Police records.

Eyewitnesses told the police that the vehicle was moving back and forth across numerous lanes and was traveling faster than the other traffic. At one point Mr. Tompkins cut into the center lane of traffic and hit the front end of a 2006 Hyundai Santa Fe.

The driver of the Hyundai lost control, hit the concrete median, and flipped over several times. Mr. Tompkins continued driving and was followed to his Westminster Avenue address by a witness who was relaying his whereabouts to a police dispatcher.

A 57-year-old man from Amherst Street in Buffalo was transported to Erie County Medical Center with a severe upper leg injury.

Mr. Tompkins was located by police and admitted to driving the vehicle. He was arrested and charged with Leaving the Scene of a Personal Injury Accident, Reckless Driving, Unsafe Lane Change, Operating a Vehicle without Insurance, and Operating an Uninspected Motor Vehicle.

His case was heard in Cheektowaga Town Court Monday morning and was sent to the Erie County Grand Jury. He remains at the Erie County Holding Center in lieu of \$2,500 bond.



Mug shot of Carlton Tompkins. (ECSCO)