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Cheektowaga man charged with fleeing from police following Buffalo traffic stop

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BUFFALO, N.Y. (WIVB) - A Cheektowaga man is facing multiple charges morning after attempting to flee from officers and crashing into a tree in downtown Buffalo early Monday morning.

Justin Samuel, 27, of Cheektowaga, was charged with second degree criminal possession of a weapon, third degree unlawful fleeing a police officer in a motor vehicle, second degree obstruction of a government official, third degree criminal mischief, reckless driving, aggravated unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle, speeding, and leaving the scene of an accident.

According to police reports, officers observed Samuel driving at a high rate of speed in the area of William Street and Oak Street just after 12 a.m. Monday.

While officers were issuing Samuels a traffic summons, he allegedly pulled away from the traffic stop and crashed into a tree.

Poilice say Samuels then continued to flee on foot and pulled out a pistol, holding it in his hand while fleeing. He threw the gun into a wooded area, where it was recovered.