Cheektowaga man arrested by BPD after running from traffic stop

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BUFFALO – A Cheektowaga man was arrested by Buffalo Police Monday after he drove away from a traffic stop and crashed into a tree police say.

Just after midnight, Justin Samuel, 27, was driving at a high rate of speed in the area of William and Oak Streets and was pulled over according to Buffalo Police.

They say while officers were issuing a traffic summons to Mr. Samuel, he drove away from the traffic stop and eventually crashed into a tree.

He then ran away on foot. While running, he pulled out a black pistol and was holding it in his hand. He threw the gun into a wooded area before he was apprehended.

Police were able to recover the gun and charged him with Criminal Possession of a Weapon 2nd degree, Unlawful Fleeing a Police Officer in a Motor Vehicle 3rd degree, Obstruct Governmental Administration 2nd degree, Criminal Mischief 3rd degree, Reckless Driving, Aggravated Unlicensed Operation of a Motor Vehicle, Speeding, and Leaving the Scene of an Accident.

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