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(Photo: Provided)

New York State Police announced the charges Saturday facing the <u>driver involved in a car chase that started</u> with an alleged theft (/story/news/2018/08/03/trooper-fires-shot-during-pursuit-henrietta-batavia/902969002/) in Henrietta and ended in Batavia.

Andrew Abed Said, 49, of Port Richey, Florida, is charged with first-degree reckless endangerment, aggravated assault of a police officer with a deadly weapon, and second- and third-degree criminal mischief.

Tara Hackrott, 35, of Williamsville, Erie County, Said's passenger, was not charged in the incident. But she will be turned over to the Cheektowaga Police Department on an outstanding warrant once she is released from Strong Memorial Hospital.

A trooper fired his service weapon at the pair during the course of the pursuit Friday, authorities said. No one was struck.

The incident started at 12:34 p.m. Friday in Henrietta, when troopers were called to assist the Monroe County Sheriff's Office. Deputies were following a 1997 Mercedes-Benz with two occupants, who were allegedly involved in a larceny at Sears at The Marketplace Mall in Henrietta.

More: <u>Trooper fires shot during police chase after theft at Sears in Henrietta (/story/news/2018/08/03/trooper-fires-shot-during-pursuit-henrietta-batavia/902969002/)</u>

Troopers didn't reveal what was allegedly stolen.

Troopers said the car had stolen or switched license plates. At 12:51 p.m., Said and Hackrott allegedly fled in the vehicle once "emergency lights were activated." The pursuit continued onto the Thruway.

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An aerial photo shows where a police pursuit ended Friday afternoon in Batavia. (Photo: Provided)

They were traveling west along Interstate 90 toward Batavia. Troopers said the car exited the Thruway at Exit 48 in Batavia.

"Patrols attempted to block the suspect vehicle near the toll barrier," troopers said. But the car continued to drive "aggressively" toward authorities.

"As a result, a trooper shot his service weapon at the threat," troopers said in a release. The chase continued onto Kelsey Road and it ended in a private driveway on Kelsey Road in the town of Batavia at 1:19 p.m.

The vehicle hit a dirt embankment and came to rest in a wooded area, troopers said. Said and Hackrott attempted to flee on foot, but were taken into custody shortly after.

Both were taken to Strong Memorial Hospital for treatment. Said had minor injuries, while Hackrott was taken for evaluation, troopers said.

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