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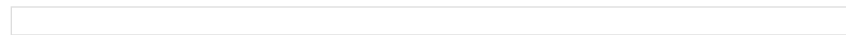
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BATAVIA — The Florida man at the wheel of a wild police chase Friday that started after an alleged larceny in Henrietta and ended at a stretch of Kelsey Road in Batavia will be held without bail ahead of an Aug. 27 court appearance.

New York State Police Troop A Commander Edward J. Kennedy announced Saturday that Andrew Adeb Said, 49, of Port Richey, Fla., has been charged with first-degree reckless endangerment, aggravated assault on a police officer with a deadly weapon, second-degree criminal mischief and third-degree criminal mischief.

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Tara A. Hackrott, 35, of Williamsville, the passenger in Said's vehicle, will be turned over to the Cheektowaga Police Department on an outstanding warrant once she is released from Strong Memorial Hospital.

Both were taken into custody after an incident that stretched across two counties, and included shots fired at the vehicle near Thruway Exit 48 after Said allegedly drove aggressively toward police waiting at the interchange.

An investigation into the day's events is ongoing, while Said, who was arraigned in Batavia Town Court, waits in the Genesee County Jail.

He is accused of leading police on a chase along I-390 and the Thruway after the Monroe County Sheriff's Office and State Police responded to a 1997 Mercedes Benz with switched license plates that was involved in a larceny at the Market Place Mall.

The vehicle sped into Genesee County, with emergency lights flashing behind and a patrol set up to block the vehicle near the Batavia toll barrier.

"When they tried to stop the subject vehicle, it drove toward law enforcement, threatening them in an aggressive manner," Kennedy said Friday. "Shots were fired by a trooper. The vehicle exited the plaza and there was a collision with a police car."

After the collision, the vehicle was driven down Route 5, and later Both Said and Hackrott fled on foot after the vehicle struck a dirt embankment along a private driveway on Kelsey Road. The vehicle came to rest in a wooded area, with police locating and arresting Said and Hackrott.

He was taken to Strong for minor injuries, while she was taken in for evaluation.

Kennedy said assistance in the incident came from five State Police units — Troops A, E and T, the Bureau of Criminal Investigation, and the Collision Reconstruction Unit; the State Department of Environmental Conservation, the Monroe and Genesee County Sheriff's Offices, and the East Pembroke Fire Department.

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