

Van flips while trying to run from Cheektowaga Police

By **Jim Herr** - September 1, 2018

BUFFALO – Two men were transported to the hospital Saturday morning after a van flipped over while they tried to run from Cheektowaga Police.

The incident began a few minutes before 3 am while a patrol officer was responding from a call on Bright Street to the Sunoco gas station on Dingens Street to investigate a verbal disturbance between two drivers.

Law enforcement sources tell Cheektowaga Chronicle that a white utility van pulled out in front of the officer without any headlights. It sped away when the officer attempted to stop the suspicious vehicle.



A van flipped over on N. Ogden Street in Buffalo while trying to run away from Cheektowaga Police on September 1st. (Jim Herr/Cheektowaga Chronicle)

The chase ended on the first block of N. Ogden Street in the City of Buffalo. Surveillance video shows that the van lost control, began to roll over, struck a parked pickup truck, flipped over, struck a second parked vehicle and came to rest in the middle of the road.

The two men were stabilized at the scene by Buffalo firefighters and an AMR ambulance crew. They were later transported by ambulance to Erie County Medical Center under police guard. Both men appeared to Cheektowaga Chronicle to be alert and moving.

It is believed that the driver of the van had an outstanding arrest warrant from Lackawanna and a revoked driver's license. The van was impounded to a secured police lot.

Cheektowaga Police continue to investigate the incident.

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Cheektowaga Police watch EMS workers attend to an occupant of a utility van that tried to run from police on September 1st. (Jim Herr/Cheektowaga Chronicle)

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