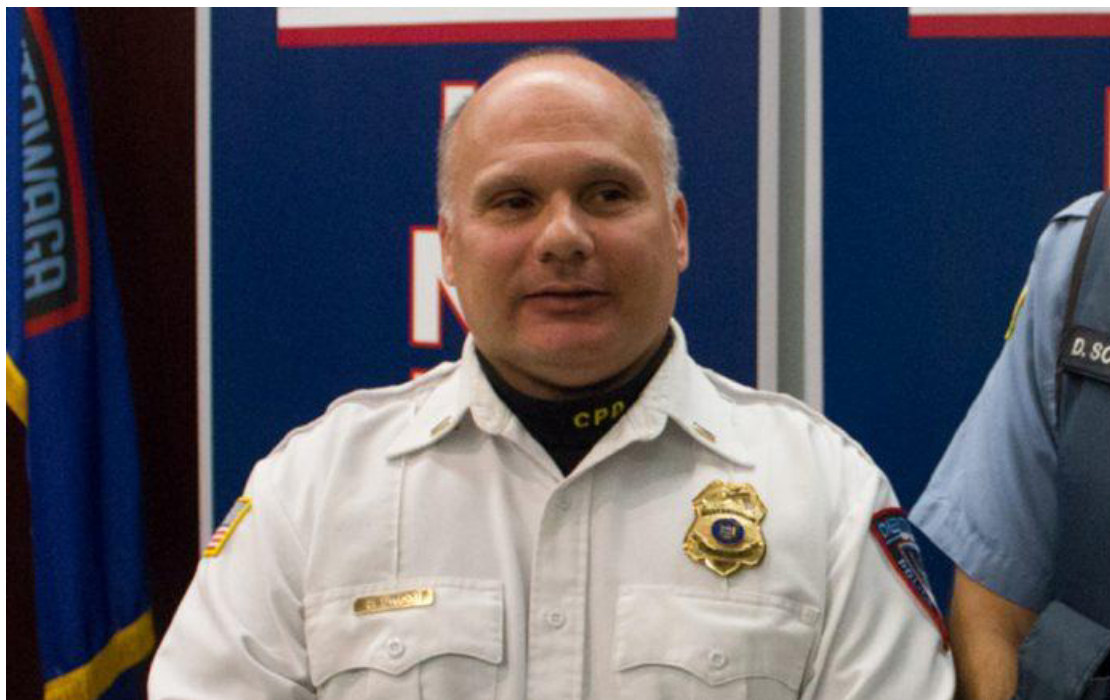


Lt. Anthony Filipski honored by Governor Cuomo

By **Jim Herr** - September 17, 2018



Chronicle file photo of Cheektowaga Police Lieutenant Anthony Filipski.

ALBANY – Cheektowaga Police Lieutenant Anthony Filipski was honored with a Certificate of Exceptional Valor from Governor Andrew Cuomo for the actions he took to subdue a man accused of shooting up a Dollar General store last November.

As Mr. Filipski approached the scene in his patrol car, he saw another officer chasing the suspect on foot and had to decide how much force was necessary to stop 29-year-old Travis Green.

“You make the determination in a split second,” Mr. Filipski said in [an interview with Cheektowaga Chronicle from November](#). At first, he thought of hitting Mr. Green with his patrol car, but he didn’t have anything in his hands. He didn’t feel deadly force was justified at that time and joined the other officer by chasing down the suspect on foot.

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He says the fleeing suspect was not a threat to anybody at the time. “I thought at the time, the best the way was to tackle him over the guardrail,” said Mr.

Filipski. "People are still citizens, everybody is a human being, we're all human beings. We're not judge, executioner, or jury. Our job is to make people safe, get people in custody, get them in front of a judge, and let the system run its course."

The district attorney says [Mr. Green became irate after requesting an employment application from the store](#), left the store, and then fired multiple rounds at the store with an AR-15 style rifle from the parking lot.

[Mr. Green was indicted by a Grand Jury](#) and faces trial for Attempted Murder in the Second Degree, Attempted Assault in the First Degree, Reckless Endangerment in the First Degree, and Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the Second Degree.

Mr. Filipski was nominated by the Cheektowaga Police Department to receive [New York State's Police Officer of the Year Award](#). Six members of the Yonkers Police Department received the top award this year for their actions to apprehend a gunman who had shot a detective in the face at point-blank range.

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