DA: accused road rage assailant posts bail; victim released from hospital

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BUFFALO – The Erie County District Attorney says the victim of a road rage incident in Cheektowaga last week has been released from the hospital and his accused assailant has posted bail and is out of jail.

Erie County District Attorney John Flynn told media outlets during a press conference Monday morning that Maurice Scott, 31, of Buffalo, posted \$7,500 bail and was released from the Erie County Holding Center Saturday.

Mr. Flynn did not want to comment if Mr. Scott was known to law enforcement.

Family members identified the victim as Matthew Rudy. They say he was on his way to work when the driver of a white car acted aggressively towards Mr. Rudy. According to police records, eyewitnesses said that after the pair stopped on Walden Avenue just east of Galleria Drive, Mr. Scott pulled Mr. Rudy from his truck and beat him up.

"There was allegedly heavy traffic, and allegedly one of the participates cut someone off," My. Flynn said. "I don't want to say exactly who cut who off, but as you can imagine with heavy traffic, holiday shopping time on Walden Avenue, there was a situation where someone was cut off, and that's what participated it."

Investigators do not have information at this time that would lead them to believe that the assailant and victim knew each other before the beating. The district attorney calls the beating brutal. The victim suffered facial injuries that required surgery.

"Numerous witnesses have come forward and have given information to the Cheektowaga Police, but Cheektowaga Police are still looking for further information on this," Mr. Flynn added. "If anyone has video, we believe there may have been video taken by someone's phone; please contact the Cheektowaga Police."

He also says investigations have reasons to think there were a few women in the defendant's car at the time of the road rage incident. "Those females obviously have information about this incident. They have not been found yet. I would like to encourage those females in that car to come forward and tell us your side of the story as it happened. We're going to do everything we can to find those individuals," Mr. Flynn said.

The alleged assailant will return to Cheektowaga Town Court on Thursday, December 27th.

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