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Cheektowaga man who sped through crash site pleads guilty to reckless endangerment



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A Cheektowaga man arrested for speeding through a crash scene and nearly injuring a police officer has pleaded guilty before Erie County Court Judge Kenneth Case to first-degree reckless endangerment, according to the Erie County District Attorney's Office.

Prosecutors said 39-year-old Scott Nowak pleaded guilty Friday to the highest count in the indictment against him.

According to the District Attorney's Office, Cheektowaga Police officers on March 31 were attempting to initiate a traffic stop on Genesee Street near Sonwil Drive in the town when Nowak chose instead to speed away and evade police. A short time later, town police officers responding to a multi-vehicle crash on the westbound Kensington Expressway near the Thruway interchange encountered Nowak as he sped through the crash site, hit a barrier and nearly injured one of their officers.

Nowak faces a maximum of seven years in prison when he is sentenced as a second-time felony offender on Aug. 23. He remains in custody on \$75,000 cash bond.

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