


Reckless driver sentenced to prison for nearly injuring police officer

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A reckless driver was sentenced to two to four years in prison for nearly striking a police officer at a crash site on Route 33, the Erie County District Attorney's Office announced Friday.

Erie County Judge Kenneth Case sentenced Scott Nowak, 39, of Cheektowaga, as a second felony offender.

At about 6:40 p.m. on March 31, a patrol officer attempted to initiate a traffic stop on Genesee Street in Cheektowaga when Nowak continued to speed away from police. The officer alerted area law enforcement to be on the lookout for Nowak's vehicle.

A short time later, Cheektowaga police officers were responding to a multi-vehicle collision on the westbound Kensington Expressway near the Thruway interchange when Nowak sped through the crash site, hit a barrier and nearly injured a police officer.

Nowak pleaded guilty to one count of first-degree reckless endangerment, a felony, the highest count in the indictment against him.

District Attorney John J. Flynn commended Sgt. John Wanat and Officer Brian Wesoloski of the Cheektowaga Police Department for their work in the investigation.