

Onondaga County Sheriff's Office News

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Larceny Suspect Apprehended After Ramming Police Cars

Town of Dewitt, New York – Onondaga County Sheriff Kevin E. Walsh reports that a East Syracuse man has been charged after attempting to run over Sheriff's Deputies and ramming several police cars with a dump truck.



Last evening at approximately 10:30pm, Sheriff's Deputies were called to the Great Northern Mall to investigate an attempted larceny of a vending machine. Great Northern Mall Security reported that a suspect, later identified as Stanley Lostumbo (37), of 4403 James Street, was breaking into a vending machine outside of the mall. After being discovered by mall security, Lostumbo got into a 1999 Chevrolet dump truck and fled from the scene. Within minutes Sheriff's Deputies spotted the suspect vehicle traveling south on Route 481.

Deputies activated their emergency lights and siren to initiate a traffic stop, however Lostumbo failed to pull over and continued traveling south on Route 481. With speed not exceeding 70 mph, Deputies continued following in attempt to pull him over.

Lostumbo continued traveling south and exited onto Kirkville Road making his way to the CSX Rail yards where he drove across the tracks and maneuvered his way around moving rail cars. Deputies, continued following Lostumbo who led police throughout the Village of East Syracuse and City of Syracuse area.

As Lostumbo continued eluding police, his actions became increasingly aggressive, erratic, and dangerous. At approximately 11: 10pm, Lostumbo struck a utility pole on Hale Avenue at which point he began driving though back yards off of Shearin Avenue. Lostumbo drove behind the residence located at 107 Beard Avenue where deputies believed to have boxed him in. Deputies Andrew Costello and Matthew Carey exited their patrol cars to approached Lostumbo's vehicle as he attempted to drive through a hedgerow in order to continue traveling south towards James Street. As the deputies approached the rear driver's side of the dump truck, Lostumbo shifted the 36,000 pound truck into reverse and sped backwards towards the deputies at which point Deputy Costello discharged his firearm. Lostumbo subsequently shifted the truck into drive and plowed through the brush making his way onto James Street where he continued to flee.

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Lostumbo continued traveling west on James Street leading police onto Thompson Road making his way to Burnett Avenue between Thompson Road and Kane Street he crashed into a City of Syracuse Police cruiser. As Deputies pulled in behind Lostumbo's dump truck and exited their patrol cars to approach Lostumbo, he again shifted the truck into reverse ramming patrol cars and nearly running over deputies attempting to take him into custody. Deputies Matthew Carey and Matthew Carlson discharged their firearms and immediately place him into custody when the truck came to a stop.

Lostumbo sustained minor injuries as a result of bullet fragments and was treated and released from University Hospital. His passenger Kyla K Kazel (20), unknown address, was also injured by a bullet fragment and was treated and released from Crouse Irving Memorial Hospital.

Sheriff's Detectives and Sheriff's Evidence Technicians spent the day interviewing a number of witnesses and processing evidence at three separate crime scenes (Great Northern Mall, 107 Beard Avenue and Burnett Avenue). And upon further investigation, Lostumbo was charged with two counts of attempted murder in the 2nd degree, one count of petit larceny, one count of criminal mischief in the 2nd degree, three counts of unlawfully fleeing a police officer in the 3rd degree, three counts of reckless driving and multiple vehicle and traffic violations.

Kazel was also charged with petit larceny and criminal mischief in the 2nd degree along with criminal sale of a controlled substance in the 3rd degree, criminal possession of a controlled substance in the 3rd degree and criminal possession of a controlled substance in the 7th degree in connection with a prior investigation.

Although Lostumbo endangered several motorists and pedestrians throughout the duration of the incident and fortunately no one was injured as a result of his reckless actions. Several agencies including the Dewitt, East Syracuse, Manlius, North Syracuse and Syracuse Police Departments assisted the Sheriff's Office. Deputies Costello, Carey and Carlson escaped the incident without injury and were given administrative leave for the evening and will return to work on September 2nd.

Kazel was issued appearance tickets for the petit larceny and criminal mischief charges to appear in the Town of Clay Court and was lodged at the Onondaga County Justice Center pending arraignment in City of Syracuse Court tomorrow morning for the drug related charges.

Lostumbo will be arraigned in the Village of East Syracuse Court sometime before 6:00pm. this evening.

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