

Onondaga County Sheriff's Office News

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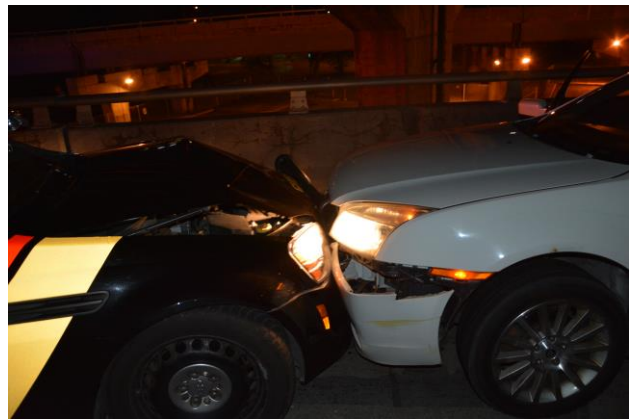
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Wanted Parolee Rams Sheriff's Patrol Vehicle

City of Syracuse New York-The Onondaga County Sheriff's Office reports that a wanted parolee from NYC has been charged after fleeing from a traffic stop and intentionally ramming a Sheriff's Office Patrol Vehicle.

This morning, at approximately 1:58 am, a sheriff's deputy on routine patrol in the 4800 block of West Seneca Turnpike, observed an equipment violation on a white Mercury Milan that had been traveling eastbound on the turnpike. As the deputy attempted to initiate a traffic stop on the Mercury near South Ave, the driver accelerated the vehicle in excess of the 30 mph City of Syracuse posted speed limit and refused to pull over. After leading police



for several blocks, the vehicle eventually entered northbound Interstate 81 where the driver lost control of the vehicle at the 690 westbound onramp. The vehicle spun around 180 degrees before coming to rest, facing south in the northbound lane of 81. As the deputy stopped his patrol car, the driver proceeded to accelerate the vehicle and intentionally ram the deputy's car before fleeing on foot.

The deputy, who was not injured, along with the assistance from a Syracuse Police Officer, pursued the driver who was quickly taken into custody after a brief foot chase.

Deputies identified the driver as 31 year old Orlando Rodriguez of Bronx, NY. Rodriguez was charged with driving while ability impaired (drugs), menacing a police officer, criminal possession of a weapon in the 3rd degree, criminal mischief in the 2nd degree, unlawful fleeing a police officer in the 3rd degree, reckless endangerment in the 2nd degree, reckless driving, aggravated unlicensed operation in the 3rd degree, and was issued several traffic tickets.



Rodriguez, a parole absconder from NYC, was arraigned in Syracuse City Court this morning and is being held in the Onondaga County Justice Center without bail. Rodriguez was on parole after serving time for a robbery committed in 2012.

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