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Update June 28, 2018

Sean P. Racine, 25 of East Greenbush has been charged with Driving While Intoxicated and Failure to Keep Right in connection with the early morning vehicle crash on June 15th, described below. The accident investigation is continuing.

For Immediate Release, East Greenbush, NY, June 15, 2018

Today at about 12:45 a.m. a Third Avenue resident heard a crash outside his home and went outside to investigate. He observed that a blue 4 door Kia had left Third Avenue Extension, travelled across the front lawns of several homes and had crashed into a tree and caught fire.

Officer Trevor LaGrave happened to be on patrol nearby and was flagged down by the resident who pointed out where the Kia had come to rest off the road in a woodline. The officer could see that the engine compartment was on fire and secured his cruiser's fire extinguisher. As he approached the Kia, he encountered an injured young man lying on the ground who said that he was a passenger and that the driver was stuck inside.

Officer LaGrave approached the burning car and deployed the fire extinguisher, which briefly darkened the flames. The driver was screaming that he couldn't get out and Officer LaGrave found the driver's door was jammed.

The officer then went to the rear driver's side door and was able to open that one. Then from the back seat, the officer was able to eventually pull the injured male driver up out of the driver's seat and out the back door. Shortly thereafter, the Kia went up in flames.

Both vehicle occupants and Officer LaGrave were transported to Albany Medical Center. Officer LaGrave was treated for smoke inhalation and released. The others remain hospitalized at this time.

The cause of the accident is under investigation; however excessive speed appears to be at least one contributing factor. No charges have yet been placed.

Assisting at the scene was Bruen Rescue Squad, Clinton Heights Fire Department and police from the neighboring agencies of Rensselaer, North Greenbush and Schodack. After being closed much of the morning, Third Avenue Extension is again open.