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On Saturday, January 15, 2022 at about 11:40 pm deputies responded to a one-car motor vehicle accident reported to have occurred on Upper Court Street in the Town of Kirkwood across from the Rocket Plaza.

Upon arrival of Sheriff's Office patrols and emergency services personnel they located a 2021 Chevrolet suburban on its side partially in the roadway with the driver trapped in the vehicle. Three utility poles were damaged; one was completely seared in half, one had significant damage and one had minor damage. Fire department personnel worked for almost an hour to extricate the driver, identified as 35-year-old Bryan Guarino of Kirkwood, NY. Guarino complained of pain to his head and arm but was not seriously injured. He was transported to Wilson Memorial Hospital to be checked out.

Witnesses interviewed stated they observed the 2021 Chevrolet traveling at a high rate of speed on Upper Court Street headed toward the City of Binghamton when the driver lost control, left his lane of travel, and struck three utility poles in a row. The vehicle hit then hit an earth embankment, went airborne, and overturned several times before coming to rest on its side. Two utility poles had to be replaced and electrical power in the area was disrupted for a period of time as a result of the accident. The roadway remained open but limited to one lane during the investigation.

Guarino was issued traffic tickets returnable to the Town of Kirkwood Court for operating at a speed that was not reasonable and prudent and for moving from his lane unsafely, both traffic infractions. The vehicle was not drivable and was towed from the scene. The Sheriff's Office was assisted by NYS Department of Transportation, the Five Mile Point Fire Department, and the Broome Ambulance Squad.