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DALTON LEE JANICZEK ARRESTED FOR ATTEMPTED MURDER OF A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER IN PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP



Dalton Lee Janiczek

NORRISTOWN, Pa. (Oct. 25, 2025) — Montgomery County District Attorney Kevin R. Steele and Plymouth Township Chief of Police John C. Myrsiades announce the arrest of Dalton Lee Janiczek, 21, of Lower Gwynedd, for the attempted murder of a Plymouth Township police officer yesterday, Oct. 24, 2025, in Plymouth Township.

At 11:56 a.m. on Oct. 24, 2025, a Whitpain Township Police Sergeant attempted to stop a white Mercedes G-Wagon when the vehicle sped away, driving erratically, at a high rate of speed and crossing over the concrete median along Skippack Pike.

At 12:39 p.m. on Oct. 24, 2025, a Plymouth Township police officer responded to the Doubletree Guest Suites Hotel in Plymouth Township in search of the white Mercedes G-Wagon. The responding officer found the vehicle parked in the lot and activated his emergency lights. The Mercedes driver, Janiczek, put the car in reverse, and struck the patrol vehicle several times. The officer got out of the car and told Janiczek to stop. Janiczek accelerated directly at the officer, attempting to hit him, and the officer discharged his firearm. Again, Janiczek accelerated the vehicle, this time striking the officer causing him to fall. As the officer attempted to administer a tourniquet to a leg wound, the Mercedes circled back around the lot and struck the officer three more times as he laid on the ground.

Per protocol, all officer-involved shootings are investigated by the Montgomery County Detective Bureau, who responded to the scene.

Janiczek fled, resulting in a short pursuit by Plymouth Township officers. Janiczek struck a stopped Plymouth Patrol vehicle head on, injuring a second officer. Janiczek was taken into custody with a wound to the head and treated at Abington Hospital where he was cleared and transported to the Montgomery County Correctional Facility.

Both officers were transported to the hospital where the first officer underwent emergency surgery, and both are in stable condition.

Janiczek is charged with multiple felonies including Attempted Murder of a Law Enforcement Officer, Aggravated Assault, Fleeing or Attempting to Elude a Police Officer and related charges. He was arraigned on Oct. 25, 2025, before Magisterial District Judge Thomas P. Murt, who denied bail. A preliminary hearing is scheduled at 10:15 a.m. on Nov. 4, 2025, before Magisterial District Judge Jodi L. Griffis.

Approved for release:
Kevin R. Steele

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AND ALL DEFENDANTS ARE PRESUMED INNOCENT UNTIL AND UNLESS PROVEN GUILTY.*