

# Giving gadflying a bad name

The Bethlehem Gadfly Lehigh Valley Good Neighbors Alliance, Police December 30, 2020

 *Latest in a series of posts about the Bethlehem Police* 

This is the kind of stuff that gives gadflying a bad name.

Somebody needs to connect the dots between the newspaper story and the LVGNA post for me.

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*Peter Hall, "Bethlehem police: Man tried to gouge officer's eye during arrest." December 28, 2020.*

An Easton man is charged with aggravated assault after allegedly trying to gouge the eye of a Bethlehem police officer who was investigating package thefts Saturday.

Rashan Y. Bellamy, 39, of the 900 block of Butler Street was sent to Lehigh County Jail under \$50,000 bail, according to court documents. In addition to a felony charge of aggravated assault of a police officer, Bellamy is charged with simple assault, resisting arrest, disorderly conduct and driving an unregistered vehicle.

According to a police affidavit:

Officer Matthew Steidel and another Bethlehem officer were watching a car that was identified as the vehicle used in multiple package thefts. The officers discovered that the temporary registration tag on the car was assigned to another vehicle and had expired in September.

When the officers saw Bellamy get into the car and pull out of a parking space without using a turn signal, they tried to make a traffic stop, but Bellamy eluded them.

Steidel radioed that he found the car in the 600 block of Fifth Avenue and officer Trevor Tomaszewski responded to that location. When Tomaszewski arrived, he saw Steidel struggling to take Bellamy into custody. Tomaszewski helped Steidel handcuff Bellamy, who continued to resist until he was placed in a police car.

Steidel said Bellamy pushed him against the police car, hit him and pressed his finger on Steidel's eye.

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This is what results when reckless public statements from politicians encourage disrespect and hate mongering against law enforcement. Bethlehem City Council: This Means You.



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Ray Paul Fenner

They wont have that seat on city Council when we vote we have a good police force stand behind them do your job and let them do theirs half of you wouldn't do what they half to do.

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Eugene Perone

Lets defund the city council.....better yet, have a recall election and get rid of them. People living in the City of Bethlehem deserve better.

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Shocking in Bethlehem yet.

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