

## **Police: Man Was Intoxicated, Driving and Tussling With the Guy His Ex-Girlfriend Was With**

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On Monday afternoon, June 12, according to Darien police, a 33-year-old man was intoxicated at 3:55 p.m., was driving in town and had gotten into a tussle with a man going out with his ex-girlfriend — and took that man's eyeglasses.

Here's how Darien police described the situation, including accusations not proven in court:

Police were dispatched to the Darien Railroad Station on the report of an altercation. There they met the victim, who told them he came to Darien to return the driver's license of a woman he was with the night before.

While at the train station, the woman's ex-boyfriend confronted him, and when the two were walking, the ex-boyfriend, a Stamford resident, struck the victim in the head, knocking his eyeglasses off.

The Stamford man picked up the glasses, got into a black Audi and drove off. Police were given the Massachusetts license plate number of the car.

The woman was found and police spoke with her. Her version of what happened corroborated what the victim said.

About 10 minutes later, a police officer watching traffic on Middlesex Road saw the black Audi and stopped it, detaining the driver.

The driver gave a different account of what happened, saying he was defending himself from the other man. He said he did strike him during a scuffle and took the man's glasses.

While police officers talked to the Stamford man, they could smell alcohol on his breath. Asked about the alcohol, he said he had been "drinking at lunch," but did not say how much. A police officer saw Craft was also unsteady on his feet.

Police asked Craft to take field sobriety tests. He could not perform them adequately, so he was charged with driving while under the influence and, in connection with the earlier confrontation, with breach of peace and sixth-degree larceny.

In breath tests the man took at Police Headquarters, the machine showed a blood-alcohol content of 0.1182 and 0.1083, both above the legal limit of 0.08 for driving.

At 8 p.m., the man posted a cash bond of \$180 and was released. He was told not to drive for 24 hours, a standard directive for anyone charged with driving while under the influence. He is scheduled to appear Thursday, June 22, in state Superior Court in Stamford.