

Police: Man Throws Pot From His Car During Traffic Stop

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Police on Thursday evening arrested a 40-year-old man after he tried to toss a small amount of marijuana out his window during a traffic stop and it ended up on his windshield.

Darien police described the incident with this account (containing accusations not proven in court):

At 5:56 p.m. on Jan. 14, an officer stopped a 2002 Audi A6 after the vehicle crossed a lane of traffic without properly clearing it, in getting onto the entrance ramp of Interstate 95 northbound at Exit 11.

The officer stopped the driver on the ramp itself and found that the man's driver's license had been suspended — something he didn't know.

Upon returning to his vehicle a second time, the officer clearly observed the driver's hand reach out of driver's window and throw something toward the front of the vehicle, the report said. The officer, returning to his car, saw a leafy green substance on the front windshield that hadn't been there before.

It turned out to be an ounce of marijuana.

Police also found a silver grinder and glass smoking pipe in the car. A 16-year-old passenger in the car was released.

The man, a resident of Fairfield Avenue in Norwalk, was charged with operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license, improper turning maneuver, possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia.

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The driver was released on \$1,000 bond and scheduled to appear Jan. 25 in state Superior Court in Stamford.