

Police: Woman, 23, Charged After Pot, Pills Found in Her Purse

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A 23-year-old woman in a car stopped in the Parklands Drive office park lot had marijuana, smoking devices, loose pills and prescription bottles in her purse, police said.

Darien police described what happened with this account, including accusations not proven in court:

Shortly after 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 25, a police officer saw a Nissan with heavily tinted windows going through the Parklands office park parking lot. Since the officer couldn't see through the windows, the car was stopped near the parking lot entrance at Old Kings Highway North. (It isn't legal to have windows too darkly tinted in Connecticut.)

When the officer spoke to the driver and an occupant, the strong odor of burnt marijuana wafted out through the window. The driver said he and the female passenger had smoked marijuana earlier that day.

The officer asked both people in the car whether they had marijuana on them, and the woman, Nicole Greenwald of Flax Hill Road in Norwalk, who was a passenger in the car, said she did.

When the car was searched, the woman's purse was opened. Inside, police found marijuana, prescription containers, loose pills and smoking devices.

One of the prescription bottles had on it the name of someone else who wasn't in the car.

Police contacted person, who said that the drug was his (or hers — police didn't say if that person was a male or female) but didn't know how Greenwald came to have it.

Two of the bottles had the name of the driver, and police returned them to him. Inside a clear, plastic bag were 55 pills that police later determined are Xanax.

The driver was released with a verbal warning about his tinted windows.

Greenwald was charged with possession of less than half an ounce of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of a controlled substance and illegally obtaining prescription drugs.

She was later released on \$1,000 bond and is scheduled to appear Nov. 6 in state Superior Court in Stamford.