

Midnight DUI for Woman, 55, on Tokeneke Road

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Just as a 55-year-old woman got off the Exit 12 ramp on Tokeneke Road, a police officer saw her car swerve in its lane and cross the double yellow line, an observation that led to an arrest for driving while under the influence, police said.

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

At 12:19 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 3, Jeannette Bernhard of Bridgeport, took a left turn off of the exit ramp onto Tokeneke Road. A police officer was headed in the same direction and saw her driving the 2014 Toyota sedan as it traveled west on the street.

The officer followed the car on the Post Road west to the intersection with Mansfield Avenue and pulled it over near there. The officer smelled alcohol when speaking with the woman. She didn't complete field sobriety tests in a satisfactory way and was charged with driving while under the influence and failure to

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drive on the right side of the road.

Taken to Darien Police Headquarters, she was given breath tests, which showed her blood-alcohol level almost double the 0.08 maximum. She was initially held on a \$250 bond, but a bail commissioner later reduced that to a promise to appear in court. She is scheduled to appear Sept. 12 in state Superior Court in Stamford.