

Police: DUI for Darien Man After He Drives Into a Utility Pole

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Neither a 60-year-old Darien man driving on Mansfield Avenue around midnight on Dec. 10 to 11 nor his female passenger received any major injuries after he hit a utility pole, police said. He was, however, charged with driving while under the influence.

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

When police arrived at the scene of the accident, [near the intersection](#) of Mansfield Avenue and Fox Hill Road, the air bags were deployed for the front seats of the man's black 2006 E Class Mercedes-Benz car. The utility pole his car hit was sheared off at the base.

The driver told police something had run into the roadway, causing him to swerve and strike the pole. The man also told police he had four or five glasses of wine at a party that night. Police administered field sobriety tests, which the man could not pass.

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He was charged with driving while under the influence and making an improper turn. At Darien Police Headquarters, the man refused to take a breath test. He was released to a relative on payment of a \$150 cash bond. He is scheduled to appear Dec. 21 in state Superior Court in Stamford.

See also:

- [If You're Charged with DUI, Should You Refuse to Take that Breath Test? — Advice from a Lawyer](#) (Nov. 27)
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