

Police: DUI for Darien Woman, 51, After She Struck a Parked Car

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A 51-year-old Darien woman driving on West Elm Street struck a parked car shortly before 9:30 p.m., Thursday, July 1, police said. She was later charged with driving while under the influence.

Darien police gave this account of what happened, including accusations not proven in court:

When police spoke to the woman, a resident of Avalon Darien on Hollow Tree Ridge Road, an officer could smell alcohol coming from her. She told police she had been drinking. She refused to participate in any standardized sobriety tests at the scene, and police decided to take her into custody on the driving under the influence charge.

At Police Headquarters, she refused to take a breath test. She asked for medical attention, and police took her to Stamford Hospital, where she was released on a promise to appear July 19 in state Superior Court in Stamford.

Police did not describe the damage to either the parked vehicle or the one the woman was driving. The incident occurred on the street near [19 West Elm St.](#)