

Police: DUI for Man, 45, After He Hits Two Cars, Leaves Scene, Gets Followed by Witness

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A 45-year-old man driving late in the afternoon on Old Kings Highway South was intoxicated when his motor vehicle left the roadway and struck two vehicles parked in a driveway, then left the scene, police said.

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

Police received a call at 4:34 p.m. on Tuesday, June 25 about the accident in the area just west of [the intersection of](#) Old Kings Highway South and Andrews Drive.

A witness had followed the driver, Avalos Hernandez, from the scene to the Darien North rest stop on Interstate 95, where a police officer spoke with Hernandez, who was standing next to a dark-colored 1997 Toyota 4Runner. The SUV was heavily damaged in the front of its right side, which was consistent with what police saw at the accident scene.

When speaking with Hernandez, the officer could smell the odor of an alcoholic beverage coming from him. When Hernandez performed field sobriety tests, he didn't complete them adequately and was arrested on charges of driving while under the influence, leaving the scene of an accident and failing to drive on the right side of the road.

At Police Headquarters, breath tests showed his blood-alcohol content was more than twice the legal limit (of 0.08). The result of the first test was 0.1934; the second, 0.1808. Hernandez, who lives on Richelieu Street

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in Norwalk, was later released after paying a \$500 bond. He is scheduled to appear July 8 in state Superior Court in Stamford.