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Police: DUI for Man, 45, Crossing Into Oncoming Traffic Lanes on Post Road

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When the 45-year-old driver of a car on Hecker Avenue turned west onto the Post Road at about 12:30 a.m., Sunday, he drove into the eastbound traffic lanes several times, police said.

The officer in the police car driving right behind him pulled over the driver and later arrested him on a charge of driving while under the influence.

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

When an officer on patrol saw the car stopped underneath the flashing traffic light at about 12:37 a.m..

Although the car was stopped, wasn't traffic that prevented the driver from turning.

The officer, on Hecker Avenue less than a block from Police Headquarters, pulled up behind the car. Then the driver moved onto the Post Road, toward Stamford, without flashing his turn signal and without headlights on.

Traveling west on the Post Road, the car crossed several times into the eastbound traffic lanes.

The officer stopped the car and spoke to the driver, a Stamford resident. The man's eyes were glassy, and the officer could smell an alcoholic drink as the two spoke. The driver seemed to have a difficult time finding some of his informational documents, and he appeared confused. He told the officer he'd been drinking.

The driver was directed to perform standard field sobriety tests, but didn't do them adequately. He was arrested on a charge of driving while under the influence and also charged with failure to have his headlights on, not using a turn signal when turning and failure to drive on the right side of the road.

The man took two breath tests for alcohol at Police Headquarters. The first, at 1:35 a.m., showed his blood-alcohol level at 0.2232 — closer to three times the allowable 0.08 level than two two times above it. At 1:56 a.m., a second test showed a blood-alcohol level of 0.2190.

At 2:35 a.m., the man was released on a \$250 bond. He is scheduled to appear May 14 in state Superior Court in Stamford.