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Police: DUI for Woman, 27, Who Left Scene After Her Car Strikes Another Vehicle

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A 27-year-old woman who was drinking before she started driving got into an accident after leaving a driveway onto the street near the intersection of Center Street and the Post Road, police said.

She then drove away from the scene, police said. But an officer found her and charged her with driving while under the influence, leaving the scene of an accident and failure to grant right of way to another vehicle.

Darien police gave this further account, including accusations not proven in court:

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At 9:01 p.m. on Friday, July 2, police were called to the scene and were told that one of the vehicles had driven away. A description of the vehicle was given, and an officer in the area found it, stopping the driver, Lisbeth Hernandez of Wardwell Street in Stamford.

Officers noticed that the driver's speech was slurred. Hernandez admitted that she had been drinking before getting in her car and was aware she had been in an auto accident.

She told police she had a minor injury, so she was taken to a hospital for further evaluation. At the hospital, she refused all testing, including blood tests which would have measured the amount of alcohol in her blood.

She was issued a misdemeanor summons for all charges and released on a promise to appear Monday, July 12 in state Superior Court in Stamford.