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Police: DUI for Woman, 43, After Car Hits Bridge, Belligerent With Police and Hospital Staff

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A 43-year-old woman told Darien police that the driver of the car she was in had run off, but police found that difficult to believe because the car was in such bad shape after hitting a bridge abutment that it was unlikely the driver could have gotten out, police said.

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

Amy Moran of Highland Avenue in West Redding was in the vehicle when it was found at about 11:18 p.m., Sunday, March 7 at the intersection of the Post Road and Tokeneke Road. It was resting against the railroad bridge abutment on the eastbound-traffic lane of the Post Road.

Moran told police that the vehicle belonged to her, but she hadn't been driving it. The driver, she said, had

left on foot.

When officers spoke with Moran and attempted to have her leave the vehicle, she

03/07/2021 2318hrs Location Post Rd / Tokeneke Rd Arrested: Amy Moran DOB: 5/27/1977 25 Highland Ave. West Redding, CT Charges: 14-227a: Operating Under the Influence 53a-167a: Interfering with an Officer

Because she was so belligerent when asked to leave the vehicle, and because she may have needed medical attention, police didn't try to have her perform field sobriety tests at the scene. Instead, a Darien EMS-Post 53 ambulance took her to the hospital. Police escorted her there. Once she was calm again, they left.

Moran was then combative with both officers and hospital staff, but she later calmed down and officers left.

After presenting a search warrant to the hospital, police got Moran's blood test results from the hospital on March 12. The warrant showed her blood-alcohol content was 0.16, twice the legal limit, when the hospital tested her. An arrest warrant was issued charging her with driving while under the influence and interfering with a police officer.

Moran turned herself in at Darien Police Headquarters on April 27 and was released on a \$500 bond. She is scheduled to appear May 28 in state Superior Court in Stamford.