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Police: DUI for Man, 24, Driving on Wrong Side of the Road

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A police officer saw an SUV driven on the wrong side of a traffic island at the intersection of Tokeneke Road and Old Farm Road and later charged the driver, a 24-year-old man, with driving while under the influence, police said.

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

At about 1:49 a.m. on Sunday, Jan. 15, a police officer saw a gray 2005 Honda CRV with Wisconsin license plates approach the intersection from Old Farm Road, then drive to the left of the traffic island, into the opposite lane, before turning left on Tokeneke Road.

The officer stopped the vehicle a short distance away, near the entrance to Interstate 95 on Tokeneke Road. The officer could smell the strong odor of alcohol when speaking with the driver, a Trumbull resident, who said he was lost but driving home. The man said he had been drinking at a bar in town.

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The man could not adequately perform field sobriety tests and was charged with driving while under the influence, along with driving on the wrong side of a divided roadway.

At Darien Police Headquarters, breath tests indicated the man's blood-alcohol level was 0.1453 at 2:22 a.m. and 0.1518 at 2:42 a.m. — almost twice the legal limit of 0.08.

The man was released on \$100 bond to a friend and is scheduled to appear Jan. 25 in state Superior Court in Stamford.