

Police: DUI for Man, 27, Driving at Erratic Speeds on Hoyt Street

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A 27-year-old man was intoxicated at about 1:30 a.m., Friday, Aug. 18 as he drove on Hoyt Street, changing speeds drastically between 25 and almost 50 mph, Darien police said.

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

A police officer saw a black 1998 Honda Civic fail to stop for a stop sign at the intersection of Hoyt Street and Middlesex Road. As the car continued north on Hoyt, the officer followed.

That's when the officer saw that "the vehicle changed speeds drastically several times" between 25 and 49 mph, according to a police announcement. The officer stopped the car near the intersection of Hoyt and Camp Avenue.

The driver, a resident of Frederick Street in Stamford, had glassy eyes and appeared to have trouble concentrating. The man said he had been drinking alcohol with dinner.

He was asked to perform field sobriety tests and didn't perform them to an acceptable standard. The man was arrested on a charge of driving under the influence, failing to stop for a stop sign and driving without a driver's license.

At Police Headquarters, the man took breath tests. At 2:34 a.m., his blood-alcohol level was 0.1394, and at 2:53 a.m. it was 0.1339. The legal limit for adult drivers is 0.08.

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At 3:16 a.m., the man posted a \$250 cash bond and was released. He is scheduled to appear Aug. 28 in state Superior Court in Stamford.