

Police: DUI for Man, 28, Driving West on Eastbound Side of Post Road

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At the stretch of the Post Road where a grassy median splits up eastbound and westbound traffic, a police officer recently saw an intoxicated driver going west on the eastbound side.

No accident resulted. Police said the driver was seen at 1:50 a.m. Friday, and the police officer stopped the driver on the entrance ramp to the southbound-traffic side of Interstate 95 near Exit 13.

Police described what happened next in this account, which includes statements not proven in court:

The driver, a New Haven resident, was first seen leaving the southbound Exit 13 ramp. When the police officer stopped the black 2005 Jeep Grand Cherokee, the officer smelled alcohol coming from inside the vehicle.

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- [Police: DUI for Woman, 33, Driving So Slow That Traffic Was Backing Up Behind Her — at 1:20 AM](#) (March 20)
- [Blood Alcohol Content \(BAC\) Levels and Impairment](#)

The officer also noticed that the driver's eyes were red and watery. He gave the officer an international driver's license, and a police officer who speaks Spanish was called in to make sure the man understood what was being said.

The man did field sobriety tests, but couldn't perform them to an adequate standard, so he was charged with driving while under the influence and driving the wrong way on a one-way street (or in this case, section of road).

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At Darien Police Headquarters, the man took a breath test at 2:30 a.m., which showed a [blood-alcohol level](#) of 0.1701, more than twice the allowed 0.08. At 2:50 a.m. (an hour after the traffic stop), a second test showed a blood-alcohol level of 0.1686, still double the limit.

The man posted a \$500 bond and was released to a family member. He is scheduled to appear March 27 in state Superior Court in Stamford.