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Police: DUI for Man, 52, Swerving on Mansfield Ave

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Date : July 18, 2017

Incident Type: DUI

Incident #2017-010046

Blotter Date/Time: 07/10/17 1442hrs

Location: 471 Mansfield Ave.

Arrested: Glenn A. Gruttadauria, DOB: 05/19/1965, 36 Iannotti Ln. Derby, CT 06418

Vehicle: gray Dodge Caliber

Charges:

14-227a- Operating Under the Influence of Alcohol and/or Drugs

Officers responded to Mansfield Ave on the report of an erratic operator, described as a grey SUV traveling south. The caller told dispatch that the vehicle was swerving in and out of its lane.

An officer responding to the call observed a truck parked in the lot at 471 Mansfield Ave., St. Paul's Church. An individual, later identified as the complainant, was waving the officer down. The Officer pulled over, spoke to the complainant, who indicated the vehicle in question had pulled over on the side of the road, approximately 50 yards south of his location. The Officer proceeded to pull behind the vehicle, a Dodge Caliber which was gray in color.

When asked by the Officer where he was going, the operator stated that he was driving to see an ex-girlfriend in Bridgeport. The Officer asked the operator, identified as Glenn Gruttadauria, if he knew what town he was in, to which he replied "I need to get back to the Merritt." Gruttadauria then told the Officer he was going to the Trumbull Mall to get his phone fixed. As he spoke, Officers detected the odor of an alcoholic beverage on his breath and observed that his eyes were glassy and bloodshot. When asked if he had been drinking, the operator replied that he had "A couple of beers."

Officers asked Gruttadauria to exit his vehicle for field sobriety testing. As he did so, Officers observed that he was unsteady on his feet and swayed back and forth while standing. He submitted to the standardized field sobriety testing, which he failed to perform to standard. At this time, Officers placed Gruttadauria under arrest. While inventorying Gruttadauria's vehicle prior to it being towed Officers found several empty bottles of vodka, and one un-opened can of beer.

Once at headquarters, Gruttadauria agreed to submit to breathalyzer-testing. At 1624hrs his BAC measured at .1564, and at 1643hrs it measured at .1514. Officers noted that due to delays in towing Gruttadauria's vehicle, the second test was recorded almost two hours after initially encountering the suspect, giving his BAC time to decrease from the level it was while he was operating his vehicle.

Gruttadauria's bond was initially set at \$250 which he was unable to post. It was later decreased to a Promise to Appear by a bail commissioner. He was released and given a court date of 7/24/2017 in Stamford.