

Police: Intoxicated Darien Driver, 18, Damages Wall, Drives Off on Flat Tires

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A Darien teenager, driving with a blood-alcohol amount well over the legal limit, hit a wall on the property of a Raymond Street resident early Sunday morning, then drove away in the heavily damaged vehicle, which had several flat tires, police said.

Darien police described the incident and arrest with this account, including accusations not proven in court:

Kent Hurtado, 18, of 72 Raymond St., Darien hit the wall on property not far from the other end of Raymond Street, near its intersection with Old Kings Highway North sometime before 12:30 a.m., Sunday, Nov. 25.

As police went to the scene, they were told the vehicle, with heavy front-end damage and several flat tires,

was leaving the scene. Police stopped the driver on Raymond Street.

Hurtado told police that had been in an accident, but he declined medical attention. When they spoke with Hurtado, officers could smell an alcoholic beverage coming from him and saw he had red, glassy eyes. They also noticed that his speech was slurred.

When asked whether he had been drinking, he admitted that he had been, earlier in the evening. He took field sobriety tests but couldn't do them correctly, so police arrested him on charges of driving while under the influence, evading responsibility, driving without carrying his driver's license and failure to drive on the right-hand side of the road.

At Police Headquarters he took breathalyzer tests showing his blood-alcohol content at 0.187 at 12:38 a.m. and 0.173 at 1 a.m.

He was released on a \$2,500 bond at 4:45 a.m. and is scheduled to appear Dec. 4 in state Superior Court in Stamford.