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Police: Man, 26, Driving With 2X Legal Alcohol Limit, Without Headlights at Night

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A 26-year-old man was driving over the traffic lines and without lights on the Post Road at 3:41 a.m. recently, and according to a breath test, he had double the legal amount of blood-alcohol content in him, Darien police said.

Police gave this account of what happened, including accusations not proven in court:

An officer saw a vehicle on the Post Road (the police announcement didn't say where) and saw the passenger-side tires swerve over dotted white lines. The officer also saw that the rear lights weren't on.

After stopping the car and approaching the driver, a Stamford man, the officer smelled alcohol coming from

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inside the vehicle. The driver took standard field sobriety tests, but he didn't meet the test standards, so he was arrested on charges of driving while under the influence, driving without lights on and failure to drive in the proper lane.

A breath test at Police Headquarters showed a blood-alcohol level of 0.1642 at 4:57 a.m. (over an hour after the arrest) and 0.1602 at 5:16 a.m. Both results were twice the legal limit for adult driving.

The man was released on a \$50 bond and is scheduled to appear Thursday, Oct. 21 in state Superior Court in Stamford.