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Police: Traffic Stop Caused by Suspicious License Plate Leads to Arrest of Driver on Unrelated Warrant

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When a police officer on patrol saw that a license plate check of a car going east on the Post Road showed that the state had no record for that plate, the officer pulled the car over, police said.

The traffic stop (near [the intersection of](#) the Post Road and Cross Street) resulted in the arrest of the driver, who was charged with something completely unrelated — violation of a protective order telling her to keep away from another person. That person was also in the car, sitting next to the driver.

Darien police gave this account, including accusations not proven in court:

The driver, a 35-year-old Bridgeport woman, told police that the car belonged to the passenger. When police made a routine check of state public safety records connected with the driver, they found the active no-

contact order.

The woman was later released on a \$2,500 bond and was told to appear the next day in state Superior Court in Stamford. She didn't, and that day she was charged with first-degree failure to appear in court, a felony. She remains in jail with a new court date of July 9.

The same woman has these three cases in state Superior Court in Bridgeport, according to the Connecticut Judicial Branch website:

—She was charged by Stratford police with disorderly conduct last November (no bond).

—Bridgeport police charged her on Feb. 25 with third-degree criminal trespassing and felony violation of a protective order. She was later released on a \$2,500 bond.

—Bridgeport police charged her on June 27 with felony violation of a protective order. For that charge alone, she is being held on a \$25,000 bond.