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Police: Woman, 28, Drove Under the Influence, Swerved on Hoyt Street

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After watching a woman who didn't stop for a stop sign, then swerved while driving an SUV north on Hoyt Street and crossed over the double yellow line, a Darien police officer stopped the driver and found she was behind the wheel while under the influence, police said.

Darien police described what happened with this account, including accusations not proven in court:

At 1:29 a.m., Monday, Oct. 15, a police officer saw a gray 2010 Toyota Rav4 fail to stop for a stop sign at the intersection of Middlesex Road and Hoyt Street, so the officer followed the vehicle as it headed north on Hoyt.

As the officer watched, the SUV twice crossed the center line and swerved on the roadway.

The officer stopped the vehicle near the intersection of Hoyt Street and Camp Avenue. When speaking with the driver, the officer smelled an alcoholic beverage and saw that the eyes of the driver, a 28-year-old woman and resident of Camp Avenue in Stamford, were red and glassy.

When asked about her drinking, the woman said she had some drinks that evening. She was given a standard field sobriety test, which she failed to perform acceptably, and she was charged with driving under the influence and failure to stop for a stop sign.

At Darien Police Headquarters, she refused to have her breath tested for blood-alcohol content. As provided by law for those charged with DUI, her driving privileges were suspended for 24 hours.

She was released to a family member at 4:30 a.m. on payment of a \$250 bond, and she is scheduled to appear Oct. 25 in state Superior Court in Stamford.

In unrelated police news about motor vehicles being driven in Darien, during the week of Oct. 14 to 21, town police investigated 17 motor vehicle collisions, three of which involved minor injuries.