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Police: Woman Stopped for Speeding Had Heroin, Ketamine, Marijuana With Her

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A 26-year-old woman was stopped after a police officer saw her driving above the speed limit on the Post Road late at night, then the officer could smell narcotics coming from the car and a search yielded marijuana and drugs identified as heroin and ketamine, police said.

Darien police gave this further account of the matter, including accusations not proven in court:

The woman was driving west on the Post Road at about 10:30 p.m. on Sept. 9, 2019 when the officer saw the car, a silver Dodge. The police officer, who was using radar, noted that the car was moving at 48 mph in a 35 mph zone.

When the officer stopped the car near Exit 11, noticed that the woman seemed nervous and restless as she spoke, and he asked for her consent to search the car. She said he could.

A police K-9 unit went to the scene and the dog alerted police to the scent of narcotics coming from the vehicle. The search yielded drug paraphernalia, including pipes and rolling papers, along with two small baggies of the white powder.

The driver, Nicole Greenwald of Flax Hill Road in Norwalk, was released at the scene and given a verbal warning for driving too fast. Police sent the seized substances to the state forensics laboratory, which identified the heroin and ketamine.

Police then sought an arrest warrant, which was approved by a prosecutor and granted by a judge. Darien police usually contact or try to contact the subject of an arrest warrant so that person can come to Police Headquarters to be arrested. Police didn't say why, but that never happened, so it wasn't until May 20 that Darien police were notified by Bridgeport police that they had Greenwald in their custody.

Darien officers went to Bridgeport and took custody of Greenwald, who was charged with possession of a controlled substance and possession of less than half an ounce of marijuana. She was released without bond and is scheduled to appear in state Superior Court in Stamford on July 15.