



Highlands Police Department

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Officer Report for Incident 25HL03791

Nature: DWI
Location: P17

Address: SHORE DR & MARIE AV
HIGHLANDS NJ 07732

Offense Codes: DUI, ELUD, RIPO

Received By: Sanders, J

How Received: O

Agency: P17

Responding Officers: McGrath, C, Alvator, Ro, Connor, K

Responsible Officer: McGrath, C

Disposition: CAA 06/07/25

When Reported: 03:25:12 06/07/25

Occurred Between: 03:25:12 06/07/25 and 03:25:12 06/07/25

Assigned To:
Status:

Detail:
Status Date: **/**/**

Date Assigned: **/**/**
Due Date: **/**/**

Complainant:

Last:

First:

Mid:

DOB: **/**/**

Dr Lic:

Address:

Race:

Sex:

Phone:

City: ,

Offense Codes

Reported: INTP Intoxicated Person

Observed: ELUD Eluding

Additional Offense: DUI DUI Alcohol or Drugs

Additional Offense: ELUD Eluding

Additional Offense: RIPO Resist or Interfere w/ Police

Circumstances

LT13 Highway, Road, Alley

NIGHT Night (6 p.m. - 6 a.m.)

Responding Officers:

McGrath, C

Unit :

P17034

Alvator, Ro

P17064

Connor, K

P17060

Responsible Officer: McGrath, C

Agency: P17

Received By: Sanders, J

Last Radio Log: 06:02:13 06/07/25 C

How Received: O Ofcr. Initiated

Clearance: RR Report Required

When Reported: 03:25:12 06/07/25

Disposition: CAA **Date:** 06/07/25

Judicial Status: NCI

Occurred between: 03:25:12 06/07/25

Misc Entry:

and: 03:25:12 06/07/25

Statute:

Description :

Method :

Involvements

Date	Type	Description	
06/07/25	Name	PETERS, AMANDA J	Offender
06/07/25	Citation	Moving Violation	Citation
06/07/25	Citation	Moving Violation	Citation
06/07/25	Citation	Moving Violation	Citation
06/07/25	Citation	Moving Violation	Citation
06/07/25	Citation	Moving Violation	Citation
06/07/25	Citation	Moving Violation	Citation
06/07/25	Offense	Under Influence Drugs; Alcohol - 1 count	Charged With
06/07/25	Offense	Eluding Police Officer - 1 count	Charged With
06/07/25	Offense	RESIST ARR/ELUD-PREVENTS OFFICER FROM EFFECTING ARREST - 1 count	Charged With
06/07/25	Vehicle	BLK 2004 HOND ACC NJ	Vehicle
06/07/25		[No description]	Demographics
06/07/25	Cad Call	03:25:12 06/07/25 DWI	Initiating Call
06/07/25		[No description]	Impounded

Narrative

On 06/07/2025 at approximately 0325 hrs, while traveling Southbound on State Rt 36, I observed a black Honda NJ: S97PRF, fail to observe a traffic signal and turned left off of Orchard Avenue onto State Rt 36 South. Their light at the intersection was red while mine was green. I proceeded to get behind the vehicle in the Linden Avenue jug handle where it swerved around a vehicle in the right hand lane and then failed to observe that traffic signal as well. The vehicle then sped up through the red light, traveling onto Linden Avenue towards the intersection of Linden Avenue and Waterwitch Avenue. I activated my overhead lights and emergency siren to signal to the driver of the vehicle to stop their vehicle. The vehicle then approached the intersection of Linden Avenue and Waterwitch Avenue, and proceeded to drive through the stop sign at that intersection, turning left onto Waterwitch Avenue.

After the vehicle turned onto Waterwitch Avenue, the driver then turned left onto Shore Drive and continued to fail to stop their vehicle while disregarding my emergency lights and siren. At that time I notified Monmouth County Radio Room that the vehicle was turning onto Shore Drive. The black Honda continued to travel at a high rate of speed towards Popamora Park. Knowing that the vehicle was approaching a dead end, I slowed my patrol vehicle down and proceeded to continuously keep eyes on the accused's vehicle. The entire length of Shore Drive, the accused's vehicle failed to maintain lane and traveled at a reckless speed. Eventually the vehicle stopped as the driver pulled the vehicle into the driveway of [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] Once in the driveway, the driver proceeded to blare their car horn continuously.

I exited my vehicle and activated my body worn camera (BWC). I gave the driver instructions to stop and exit the vehicle numerous times to which she refused. I approached the vehicle and opened the door. It should be noted that she parked the vehicle extremely close to an exterior stair structure belonging to [REDACTED] so I was unable to fully get into the vehicle, but I was able to grab the driver's wrist to attempt to get her to exit the vehicle. The driver, later identified as Amanda J. Peters of Union Beach, repeatedly told me that she would not exit the vehicle, she refused to listen to my commands to exit the vehicle and several times pulled her arm away from my grasp to continue to blare her vehicle's horn.

At that time, Patrolman Connor and Patrolman Alvator arrived on scene. While attempting to get Peters to exit the vehicle, the resident from [REDACTED] Frank Gardini, exited his home and instructed Peters to exit the vehicle. Peters later advised me that she and Gardini are in a dating relationship. While I was in close proximity to Peters, I continually smelled the odor of an alcoholic beverage and burnt marijuana coming from the vehicle. Once out of the vehicle, Patrolman Connor, Patrolman Alvator and I attempted to handcuff Peters who was actively resisting our commands. She began pulling her hands away from us and balling her shirt up in her clenched fists so that we could not place handcuffs around her wrists.

Once we were able to handcuff Peters, she was placed in the rear of my patrol vehicle for transport back to Police Headquarters. It should be noted that while Peters was resisting arrest, my body worn camera (BWC) was knocked off of my vest, but I was able to resecure it. While Peters continued to resist she inadvertently hit my BWC and turned it off. Once I realized that it was turned off I immediately reactivated it to continue to record the rest of the incident.

While retrieving Peters' wallet and phone from the vehicle, I continued to smell the strong odor of marijuana coming from the car. While speaking with Gardini, he stated that Peters smokes marijuana regularly. After speaking with him, I transported Peters back to Police Headquarters to process her for 2C:29-2B Eluding, 2C:29-2A(1) Resisting Arrest and to conduct Standard Field Sobriety testing (SFST). While transporting Peters, I continued to smell the odor of an alcoholic beverage through a closed partition in my vehicle. Peters continued to ramble and talk about family members of hers and Gardini's that had passed away while we were enroute to headquarters. During that time, I observed that her speech was broken between crying and was somewhat slurred.

Once in the processing room, I proceeded to start the SFSTs with Peters. The first SFST I conducted with Peters was the Horizontal Gaze Nystagmus test (HGN). During my pretest observations, I observed Peters to have equal tracking and pupil size. Her eyes were bloodshot and watery. During the testing phase, I observed lack of smooth pursuit and distinct and sustained nystagmus at maximum deviation for a total of 4 clues of impairment. Peters began to cry and not focus on the stimulus during the testing, so I was unable to observe any further indicators of impairment.

The second SFST I conducted with Peters was the Walk and Turn test (WAT). Peters kept reiterating that she had her period and an equilibrium issue. I placed Peters in the starting position, explained the test and demonstrated it for her prior to advising her that she could begin the test. Peters began the test, but did not step heel to toe on every step as instructed, took 14 steps instead of the 9 steps and then asked if she should continue the test. I offered to explain the test again for her to which she agreed. After explaining the test again, she stated that she understood and began the test again. During this attempt, she took 11 steps very slowly, raised her arms for balance, turned around and took 10 steps that she counted out loud. She had her arms raised for balance for the entirety of the test.

The third SFST I conducted with Peters was the One Leg Stand (OLS). After explaining the test, Peters raised her arms for balance and almost fell over at approximately "Eleven-One Thousand". It was at that time that I ended the test prematurely for her safety.

Once all SFSTs were complete, I began the 20 minute observation and read Peters her Miranda Warning. Peters stated "Yeah" that she understood her rights and "Yeah" that she would speak to us at that time. While signing the form, Peters refused to sign the form and stated "Why don't I just charge you so that you can shoot me". I immediately removed the pen from her hand and took the Miranda form back. I began to read the NJ Attorney General Standard Statement for Motor Vehicle Operators to Peters when she interrupted me and advised me that she refused to cooperate with the rest of the process. She then stated that she needed an ambulance and continued to interrupt me while I was reading the form. While speaking with Peters, she became very agitated and again stated "Why don't I just charge you so that you can shoot me".

It was at that time that I instructed Patrolman Connor to handcuff Peters to the bench. She began to resist both Patrolman Connor and Patrolman Alvator by thrashing about. I advised Patrolman Alvator to transport Peters to [REDACTED]. Once Patrolman Alvator was enroute to Monmouth Medical with Peters, I contacted Assistant Prosecutor, Carey Huff, in regards to the charges against Peters and her [REDACTED]. AP Huff advised me that it was acceptable to place Peters on a summons for her charges due to circumstances and the potential that she could be in Monmouth Medical Center for multiple days. I placed Peters on a summons for 2C:29-2B and 2C:29-2A(1) and served her with those summonses along with several Title 39 summonses. Nothing further at this time.

Sgt. McGrath #34

Supplement

06:02:13 06/07/2025 - Sanders, J

CAD Call info/comments

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03:25:31 06/07/25 - Sanders, J
1 10-41
03:25:34 06/07/25 - Sanders, J
10-17
03:28:31 06/07/25 - Sanders, J
Jonny Us for 10-17
03:28:45 06/07/25 - Sanders, J
Hennessey passed to Johnny U
03:29:38 06/07/25 - Sanders, J - From: McGrath, C
enroute 10-3 with 1 female 10-41 s/m 64476

03:33:37 06/07/25 - Sanders, J - From: McGrath, C
e/m 64477

03:41:46 06/07/25 - Sanders, J
10-17 on loc
03:44:32 06/07/25 - Sanders, J
10-17 clear
03:48:32 06/07/25 - Sanders, J - From: McGrath, C
beginning 20 minute observation

04:01:39 06/07/25 - Sanders, J - From: Alvator, Ro
transporting 10-41 mmc s/m 64477

04:03:58 06/07/25 - Sanders, J
MMC ntfld
04:13:42 06/07/25 - Sanders, J - From: Alvator, Ro
arriving MMC e/m 64485

06:01:53 06/07/25 - Sanders, J
Nature change from STOP to DWI

Vehicles

Vehicle Number:

649888

License Plate: S97PRF

State: NJ

Vehicle Year: 2004

Make: HOND Honda

Color: BLK /

Vehicle Type: PCAR Passenger Car

License Type:

Expires: 03/31/26

VIN: 1HGCM56404A178324

Model: ACC

Doors: 4

Value: \$0.00

Owner:

Last: PETERS

First: AMANDA

Mid: J

DOB: [REDACTED] 86

Dr Lic: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED]

Race: W

Sex: F

Phone: () -

City: UNION BEACH, NJ 07735

Agency:

Date Recov/Rcvd: **/**/**

Officer:

Area:

UCR Status:

Wrecker Service:

Local Status:

Storage Location:

Status Date: **/**/**

Release Date: **/**/**

Comments:

Name Involvements:

Offender : 396104

Last: PETERS

DOB: [REDACTED] 86

Race: W

Sex: F

First: AMANDA

Dr Lic: [REDACTED]

Phone: () -

Mid: J

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