



Teaneck Police Department

900 Teaneck Rd, Teaneck, NJ 07666

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Incident Report



Incident Details:

Case Number	Time Reported	Date Reported	Time Occurred	Date Occurred	Occurrence Between Date / Time of	Time Occurred	Date Occurred	911	Completed
25-004519	00:24	01/19/25	00:24	01/19/25				X	X

Incident Type:		Incident Location:	
Driving While Intoxicated 39:4-50 MV Crash		Street # Street Name	Apt # Intersection / Cross Street of:
		80 Teaneck Road	Teaneck Road / Blauvelt St
		Business / Common Location Name	
<small>N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1.1 for personal identifying information</small>			

Contact Information: Victim Suspect Complainant Witness Driver Arrest Passenger Missing Involved Other

Code	Contact Name #1	MI	Suffix	Age	Sex	Race	DOB	SSN
A	Gorman, Kate	J		42	F	1B	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Address						Phone / Email		Other Phone
119 Main Street Apt 3h, Ridgefield Pk, NJ 07660-1637						[REDACTED]		
Code	Contact Name #2	MI	Suffix	Age	Sex	Race	DOB	SSN
Z2	Mejia, Willy			37	M		[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Address						Phone / Email Address		Other Phone
80 Teaneck Rd, Teaneck, NJ 07666-3836								
Code	Contact Name #3	MI	Suffix	Age	Sex	Race	DOB	SSN
Address						Phone / Email Address		Other Phone
Code	Contact Name #4	MI	Suffix	Age	Sex	Race	DOB	SSN
Address						Phone / Email Address		Other Phone
Code	Contact Name #5	MI	Suffix	Age	Sex	Race	DOB	SSN
Address						Phone / Email Address		Other Phone
Code	Contact Name #6	MI	Suffix	Age	Sex	Race	DOB	SSN
Address						Phone / Email		Other Phone
Code	Contact Name #7	MI	Suffix	Age	Sex	Race	DOB	SSN
Address						Phone / Email Address		Other Phone
Code	Contact Name #8	MI	Suffix	Age	Sex	Race	DOB	SSN
Address						Phone / Email Address		Other Phone

Property Information:

Value of Stolen Property	Currency	Jewelry	Furs	Clothing	Auto	Misc.	Total
Property Recovered							

Automobile Information:

1	Vehicle Code	Year	Make	Body Type	Model	Color	Registration	State	VIN
	Veh. 1	2009	Honda	4 DR	CIV	Blac	YUB80U	NJ	2HGFA165X9H353758
2	Vehicle Code	Year	Make	Body Type	Model	Color	Registration	State	VIN
	Veh. 2	24	CIV	Pickup	COL	Tan	Z99UUG	NJ	1GCPTFEK9R1145273
3	Vehicle Code	Year	Make	Body Type	Model	Color	Registration	State	VIN
4	Vehicle Code	Year	Make	Body Type	Model	Color	Registration	State	VIN

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On Sunday, January 19, 2025, at approximately 12:24 AM, Sgt. M. Ayala #332, Officer F. Tise #370, Officer W. Pena #372, Officer W. Carbajal #390 and I responded to the area of 80 Teaneck Road, on a report of a motor vehicle collision, involving one (1) vehicle into a parked vehicle. I responded in motor patrol vehicle #19, with emergency lights and audible sirens activated.

Upon arrival, I observed two (2) vehicles that appeared to be involved in the motor vehicle collision with extensive front-end damage, Vehicle #1, a 2009 four (4) door Honda Civic, bearing NJ registration YUB80U, facing north, on the west side of Teaneck Road.

As I approached Vehicle #1, a female party, later identified as Ms. Kate Gorman, the registered owner of the aforementioned vehicle was located outside of the vehicle, directly by the driver side door. At this time, I initiated contact with Ms. Gorman and inquired if she was okay to which she acknowledged and said she was okay.

Evaluating the damage to vehicle #1, Ms. Gorman stated multiple times, she was aware he hit the parked vehicle, parked legally on the west side of Teaneck Road, facing south. Ms. Gorman was then asked the sequence of events to which she stated she was operating the motor vehicle on Degraw Avenue where she turned right onto Teaneck Road, headed south. She further reported she was listening to music and struck Vehicle #2, before spinning out, further losing control of her vehicle.

After furthering my investigation, Ms. Gorman stated she was driving home from Luka's Italian Cuisine located in Bogota, New Jersey. When asked if she had consumed alcoholic beverages, to which Ms. Gorman confirmed, stating she had two (2) glasses of wine. After a few moments, Ms. Gorman reported that the drink was consumed earlier on Saturday, January 18, 2025. Based on the statements of Ms. Gorman regarding the consumption of alcoholic beverages and the odor of an alcoholic beverage emanating from her persons, Ms. Gorman was advised that she was suspected of driving while intoxicated and that I would be administering a series of field sobriety tests.

In this moment, I asked Ms. Gorman if she had any injuries that would prevent her in any way from performing the test, which consisted of her walking in a straight line and holding her balance on one foot. I additionally asked Ms. Gorman if she had any present illnesses that would prevent her from performing the test, which she denied.

I inquired about Ms. Gorman's highest level of education to which she stated he completed a graduate degree and further confirmed that she reads, writes, and comprehends English.

Officer Tise administered the Horizontal Gaze Nystagmus (HGN) test to observe and measure involuntary eye jerking, or nystagmus.

I advised Ms. Gorman that the first test that she would be performing is the walk and turn test. I then advised Ms. Gorman that I would be explaining and demonstrating the test first, then would advise Ms. Gorman when to start. Ms. Gorman acknowledged my instructions. I placed Ms. Gorman in the starting position and began to explain and demonstrate the following steps; Ms. Gorman was going to start with her

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right foot in front of her left foot, with the heel of her right foot touching the toe of her left foot. She would then keep her arms at her side the whole time and take nine heels to toe steps in a forward direction. In this moment, I then advised her that after the ninth step, she would maneuver a turn by taking short choppy steps while keeping her left foot on the line. Ms. Gorman would then take nine more heel to toe steps back to his starting position, while counting each step aloud and keeping his hands at her side. I asked Ms. Gorman, if she understood the instructions that were just explained and demonstrated to her, to which she replied, "Yes." I then asked Ms. Gorman to begin the walk and turn test.

Ms. Gorman began the test. Ms. Gorman took nine steps as instructed to do so, but was unable to maintain a heel to toe structure, leaving small spaces in between each step. On the completion of the ninth step, Ms. Gorman began to maneuver to her left turning. Ms. Gorman then began to walk in the opposite direction, going back to where the test began once again, taking the nine steps that he was instructed to do, unable to maintain balance.

The next test I administered to Ms. Gorman was the one leg stand. I advised Ms. Gorman that she would be explaining and demonstrating the test first and then would advise Ms. Gorman when to start. Ms. Gorman acknowledged the directions given to her. I placed her in the starting position and explained and demonstrated the following steps: Ms. Gorman was going to keep her hands at her side during the duration of the test. Ms. Gorman would, with the leg of his choosing, raise it approximately six inches off the ground. She would then count in this fashion as her leg was raised: 1000, 1001, 1002, 1003, until I informed her to stop. I asked Ms. Gorman if she understood the test as it was explained and demonstrated to which she replied, "Yes." I then asked her to begin the one leg stand test.

Ms. Gorman began the test. After only a few seconds into the test, Ms. Gorman was unable to keep his foot raised and dropped it to the floor. Ms. Gorman failed to count appropriately during the entire duration of the test.

Upon completion of the one leg stand, the next test administered was the Alphabet test.

I inquired if Ms. Gorman if she knew the complete English alphabet. Ms. Gorman replied simply, "Yes." I then asked Ms. Gorman to recite the English alphabet starting with the letter N and ending with Z, without singing it. Ms. Gorman started and continued to state the alphabet multiple times.

Based on the following observations of Ms. Gorman; the motor vehicle collision and failure to complete the field sobriety tests, Ms. Gorman was placed under arrest for Driving While Intoxicated, in violation of N.J.S. A. 39:4-50.

Ms. Gorman was handcuffed and searched incident to arrest. Before placing Ms. Gorman into the rear of motor patrol vehicle #19, the rear seat was checked yielding negative findings. Sgt. Ayala remained on scene with the vehicle until Teaneck Shell Tow Company responded to the scene to remove it from the roadway. I advised dispatch that I would be transporting Ms. Gorman back to Police headquarters, with Officer Carbajal following.

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Officer Pena conducted a visual check of the car for intoxicants, yielding negative results.

Once at Police Headquarters, I secured our weapons in the weapons locker in the Sally Port, as per department procedure. Ms. Gorman was removed from motor patrol vehicle #19 and a check of the rear seat was conducted once more, yielding negative findings. Ms. Gorman was led through the sally port door into the processing area, without incident. Once in the processing/intake area, Officer Carbajal assisted me with completing the necessary intake and DWI forms. While in processing, an order of alcohol was emanating from Ms. Gorman.

Ms. Gorman's property was inventoried, signed for, and placed in locker #127, along with a completed property sheet. I advised Ms. Gorman that I would read her Miranda Rights and that she needed to answer yes or no, to understand his rights. Ms. Gorman stated "no" to understanding her Miranda rights. I completed the Last Drink Location Report. I read aloud The N.J. Attorney General's Standard Statement for Motor Vehicle Operators (N.J.S.A. 39:4-50.2(e)). Officer Tise explained the law required her to submit samples of her breath, for the purpose of chemical testing, to determine blood alcohol content and that a yes or no response was required. After providing a full explanation to Ms. Gorman, she stated that she would submit to chemical testing.

Ms. Gorman was given her cellular telephone to retrieve Mr. Stanley B. Friedmann, her step-father's phone number for him to respond to headquarters to take custody of her and sign the Potential Liability Warning Form.

Officer D. Jackson #369 arrived to assist with the Alcotest. Officer Jackson removed all cell phones, radios, and microphones from the immediate vicinity for the purpose of having no electronic devices in the room with the Alcotest instrument. I explained to Ms. Gorman that myself and Officer Carbajal would be observing her for a period of twenty (20) minutes in which she was not allowed to belch, spit, eat, drink and regurgitate and if she did the twenty (20) minute observation would start again.

Officer Jackson began to enter the necessary information in the Alcotest Instrument while Officer Carbajal and I continued to observe Ms. Gorman. Upon completion of the observation period, Officer Jackson advised Ms. Gorman entered the room where the Alcotest Instrument was.

Ms. Gorman was told to take a seat in the available chair. Officer Jackson explained to Ms. Gorman that she would have to submit two successful breath samples into the Alcotest. She later advised Ms. Gorman that she would have to take a deep breath and blow into the mouthpiece with one long continuous breath and to continue to blow until told to stop. Officer Jackson asked Ms. Gorman if she understood the instructions to which she responded, "Yes."

Ms. Gorman began to blow into the mouthpiece and completed both tests successfully without incident. Once both tests were complete, Ms. Gorman was instructed by Officer Jackson to return back into the processing area for observations.

A short time later, all necessary information was entered into the State of New Jersey Alcotest Calculator, in

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order to determine if the breath samples given were within an acceptable tolerance and the calculator later confirmed that the samples were within acceptable tolerance. Ms. Gorman's reported breath test result was 0.17% Blood Alcohol Content (BAC).

Ms. Gorman was issued five (5) motor vehicle summons:

- Summons #0260-E25-000856, in violation of 39:4-50, Driving While Intoxicated,
- Summons #0260-E25-000857, in violation of 39:4-96, Reckless Driving,
- Summons #0260-E25-000858, in violation of 39:4-97A, Careless Driving: Operate M.V. Causing Property Damage
- Summons #0260-E25-000859, in violation of 39:4-82, Failure to Keep Right,
- and -
- Summons #0260-E25-000860, in violation of 39:4-97.2, Unsafe Operation of Vehicle

A short time later, Mr. Friedmann responded to Police Headquarters. I read out loud and explained the Potential Liability Warning – N.J.S.A. 39:4-50.22 Form to him. Mr. Friedmann signed and acknowledged the form stating that he would take custody of Ms. Gorman. I made a copy of the original form and gave it to Mr. Friedmann. I explained to Ms. Gorman the summonses she was issued and she was released to Mr. Friedmann at approximately 2:40 AM.

Attached to this incident report are the following documents:

- A. Teaneck Police Detainee Property Inventory
- B. NJ Attorney General Standard Statement for Motor Vehicle Operations
- C. Potential Liability Warning Form
- D. Alcohol influence Report Form, Alcotest 71100 MKIII-C

It should be noted that the Alcotest Case Number was incorrectly input as PD Case #25-004419 but was corrected in the Alcotest Book and on the physical form.

The above incident can be reviewed in the Arbitrator Motor Video Recorder (MVR) equipped in motor patrol vehicle #19.

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