



Highlands Police Department

151 NAVESINK AVE; HIGHLANDS PD HIGHLANDS , NJ 07732
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Officer Report for Incident 24HL05521

Nature: MVA HIT AND RUN

Address: 1 NAVESINK AVE; OFF THE
HOOK RESTAURANT
HIGHLANDS NJ 07732

Location: P17

Offense Codes: DUI, DMVO, DMVO, DMVO, DMVO

Received By: Balderose, T

How Received: T

Agency: P17

Responding Officers: Osuch, D, O'Donnell, K

Responsible Officer: O'Donnell, K

Disposition: CAA 07/26/24

When Reported: 19:10:35 07/26/24

Occurred Between: 19:10:35 07/26/24 and 19:12:31 07/26/24

Assigned To:

Detail:

Date Assigned: **/**/**

Status:

Status Date: **/**/**

Due Date: **/**/**

Complainant:

Last:

First:

Mid:

DOB: **/**/**

Dr Lic:

Address:

Race:

Sex:

Phone:

City: ,

Offense Codes

Reported:

Observed:

Additional Offense: DUI DUI Alcohol or Drugs

Additional Offense: DMVO DMVO

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Circumstances

Responding Officers:

Unit :

Osuch, D

P17056

O'Donnell, K

P17032

Responsible Officer: O'Donnell, K

Agency: P17

Received By: Balderose, T

Last Radio Log: 20:38:43 07/26/24 C

How Received: T Telephone

Clearance: RR Report Required

When Reported: 19:10:35 07/26/24

Disposition: CAA **Date:** 07/26/24

Judicial Status:

Occurred between: 19:10:35 07/26/24

Misc Entry:**and:** 19:12:31 07/26/24**Statute:****Description :****Method :****Involvements**

Date	Type	Description	
07/26/24	Name	PODLOG, OLGA	Driver
07/26/24	Name	KOZIAR, MARISSA	Caller
07/26/24	Citation	Moving Violation	Citation
07/26/24	Citation	Moving Violation	Citation
07/26/24	Citation	Moving Violation	Citation
07/26/24	Citation	Moving Violation	Citation
07/26/24	Citation	Moving Violation	Citation
07/26/24	Offense	Under Influence Drugs; Alcohol - 1 count	Charged With
07/26/24	Offense	Reckless Driving - 1 count	Charged With
07/26/24	Offense	LEAVING THE SCENE - UNATTENDED VEHICLE OR PROPERTY - 1 count	Charged With
07/26/24	Offense	REFUSAL TO SUBMIT TO CHEMICAL - 1 count	Charged With
07/26/24	Offense	LEAVING SCENE ACCIDENT INVOLVE - 1 count	Charged With
07/26/24	Accident	24HLA0063	Related Incident
07/26/24	Vehicle	WHI 2020 INFI QX5 NJ	Vehicle
07/26/24	Vehicle	SIL 2021 TOYT COR NJ	Vehicle
07/26/24	Cad Call	19:10:35 07/26/24 MVA HIT AND RUN	Initiating Call

Narrative

Date: 07/26/2024

Time: 19:10 hours

Location: Portland Road, Highlands, NJ

On July 26, 2024, at approximately 19:10 hours, I responded to a report of a motor vehicle crash with the involved vehicle leaving the scene. Upon arrival, I activated my body-worn camera and made contact with the reporting party, identified as Marissa Koziar. Ms. Koziar stated that her vehicle, a 2021 Toyota bearing New Jersey registration L57SZF, had been struck.

Upon inspection, I observed fresh damage to the vehicle, including a broken driver-side mirror and dents and scratches on both the driver-side door and the rear passenger door. Additionally, there was visible paint transfer in black and white.

A male witness who was walking his dog on Portland Road provided a description of the suspect vehicle. He reported seeing a white SUV driven by a white female with blondish hair. The witness observed the vehicle reversing down Hillside Avenue before continuing east on Portland Road, ultimately making a left turn into the East Manor Square condominium complex. The vehicle then stopped, reversed, and struck Ms. Koziar's vehicle before continuing into the complex.

I subsequently located a white four-door SUV in the East Manor Square complex, bearing New Jersey registration A45UEN. The vehicle exhibited fresh damage consistent with that observed on Ms. Koziar's vehicle, including silver paint transfer, dents, and black smear marks. It is noteworthy that the hood of the vehicle was warm to the touch.

While examining the vehicle, I was approached by a female, later identified as Olga Podlog, a resident of 22 East Manor Square. Ms. Podlog inquired about the reason for my presence, to which I explained the situation. During our interaction, I detected a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage emanating from Ms. Podlog's person. I also noted that her eyes appeared watery and bloodshot, and her speech was slurred.

Ms. Podlog confirmed that the vehicle belonged to her. When questioned about the damage, she claimed that a box truck had struck her vehicle earlier in Brooklyn, NY. She denied being involved in the incident on Portland Road. However, her account was inconsistent, as she initially stated that she was unsure if her vehicle had been struck in Brooklyn, only noticing the damage upon her return home.

I requested Ms. Podlog's insurance information and asked her to accompany me to my patrol vehicle, parked on Portland Road. While reviewing her documents, Ms. Podlog stated that she had returned home from Brooklyn approximately an hour prior. The witness, however, confirmed that the suspect vehicle closely resembled Ms. Podlog's and that it had arrived in the complex much more recently.

When asked if she had consumed any alcohol upon returning home, Ms. Podlog repeatedly denied having done so. Based on the witness testimony and Ms. Podlog's inconsistent statements, I suspected her involvement in the crash and potential impairment.

I administered the Standardized Field Sobriety Tests (SFSTs) on a level,

debris-free driveway. The first test was the Horizontal Gaze Nystagmus (HGN), during which I observed six indicators of impairment: lack of smooth pursuit, distinct and sustained nystagmus at maximum deviation, and onset of nystagmus prior to 45 degrees.

Next, I instructed Ms. Podlog to perform the Walk and Turn Test (WAT). Despite clear instructions and demonstration, she began before being told to start, took approximately fifteen steps instead of the instructed nine, did not count her steps aloud, and failed to walk heel-to-toe. These observations necessitated multiple explanations and demonstrations of the test.

The final SFST was the One Leg Stand (OLS). Ms. Podlog was unable to keep her hands by her side or look down at her feet as instructed. Additionally, when asked to recite the English alphabet without singing, Ms. Podlog was unable to do so correctly, despite multiple attempts. It should be noted that Podlog indicated that she has an associate's degree.

Based on my observations and the clues of impairment present during the SFSTs, I concluded that Ms. Podlog was under the influence of alcohol. I informed her of her arrest for operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated. She was placed in double-locked handcuffs behind her back without incident and transported to headquarters in marked unit 1706.

During transport, the interior of the patrol vehicle was permeated with the odor of an alcoholic beverage. Upon arrival at headquarters, Ms. Podlog was read the New Jersey Attorney General's Standard Statement for Motor Vehicle Operators (N.J.S.A. 39:4-50.2e) and informed of the legal requirement to submit breath samples for testing. Ms. Podlog refused to comply. Ms. Podlog was explained that her answer was not acceptable and that the law requires her to submit samples of her breath for breath testing. If she does not answer, or answer with anything other than "yes" she will be charged with refusal. Podlog was asked again if she would submit to breath testing and her response was "no".

Following processing, Ms. Podlog was released to a sober party and issued a pending court appearance in the Highlands Municipal Court. In addition to a summons for N.J.S.A. 39:4-50 (Driving While Intoxicated), Ms. Podlog was cited for the following offenses:

1317-E24-000752 for DWI
1317-E24-000753 for Reckless Driving
1317-E24-000754 for Failure to Report Accident
1317-E24-000755 for Refusal to Submit to Chemical Testing
1317-E24-000756 for Leaving Scene with Accident Involved.

Sgt. Kevin James O' Donnell 17032

Supplement

20:38:43 07/26/2024 - Miller, H

CAD Call info/comments

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19:11:35 07/26/24 - Balderose, T

SILVER TOY CAMRY VS UNK VEH-- POSS SUV IN SILVER OR WHITE POSS HEADED TOWARDS HILLSIDE CT-

19:12:25 07/26/24 - Balderose, T

RIGHT ACROSS THE ST OF ABOVE LOC

19:16:46 07/26/24 - Miller, H - From: Osuch, D

LOCATED THE CALLER PORTLAND AND HILLSIDE

19:20:22 07/26/24 - Miller, H - From: O' Donnell, K

L57SZF NJ / OUT WITH THE RO

19:22:51 07/26/24 - Miller, H - From: O' Donnell, K

ACCUSED IS A WHITE OR SILVER ACCURA / REAR END DAMAGE / LSH UP HIGHLAND

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POSSIBLY 450 PER WITNESS / ALL OVER THE ROAD / WHITE FEMALE WITH BLONDE HAIR

19:34:20 07/26/24 - Miller, H - From: Osuch, D

UNITS 10-4

19:38:41 07/26/24 - Miller, H - From: Osuch, D

[REDACTED] NJ

19:44:05 07/26/24 - Miller, H - From: Osuch, D

ATTACH A45UEN NJ

20:06:21 07/26/24 - Miller, H - From: O' Donnell, K

[REDACTED] NY / 41 FOR 450 / SM 81835

20:08:19 07/26/24 - Miller, H - From: O' Donnell, K

ARRIVED HQ / EM: 81836

20:16:24 07/26/24 - Miller, H - From: O' Donnell, K

20 MIN OBSERVATION STARTED AT 20:16

20:17:12 07/26/24 - Miller, H - From: O' Donnell, K

DISREGARD THE 20 MIN OBSERVATION

20:38:34 07/26/24 - Miller, H - From: O' Donnell, K

41 RELEASED / UNIT CLEAR

Vehicles

Vehicle Number:

527952

License Plate: A45UEN

State: NJ

Vehicle Year: 2020

Make: INFI Infiniti

Color: WHI /

Vehicle Type: PCAR Passenger Car

License Type:

Expires: 02/28/25

VIN: 3PCAJ5M3XLF109333

Model: QX5

Doors: 0

Value: \$0.00

Owner:

Last: PODLOG

First: OLGA

Mid:

DOB: [REDACTED] 76

Dr Lic: [REDACTED]

Address: 33 PAMELA LN

Race: W **Sex:** F

Phone: () -

City: STATEN ISLAND, NY 10304

Agency: P83 Asbury Park Police Department

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

Officer: ZZ Salerno, L

Area:

UCR Status:

Wrecker Service:

Local Status:

Storage Location:

Status Date: 08/21/20

Release Date: **/**/**

Comments:

Vehicle Number:

821468

License Plate: L57SZF

License Type:

Expires: 02/28/25

VIN: JTDEAMDE6MJ026148

Model: COR

Doors: 0

Value: \$0.00

Owner:

Last: KOZIAR

First: MARISSA

Mid:

DOB: [REDACTED] 62

Dr Lic: [REDACTED]

Address: 138 BEECH ST

Race: W **Sex:** F

Phone: () -

City: NUTLEY, NJ 07110-2116

Agency:

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

Officer:

Area:

UCR Status:

Wrecker Service:

Local Status:

Storage Location:

Status Date: **/**/**

Release Date: **/**/**

Comments:

Name Involvements:

Driver : 831477	Last: PODLOG	First: OLGA	Mid:
DOB: [REDACTED] 76	Dr Lic: [REDACTED]		Address: 33 PAMELA LN
Race: W	Sex: F	Phone: () -	City: STATEN ISLAND, NY 10304
Caller : 1160653			
Last: KOZIAR	First: MARISSA	Mid:	
DOB: [REDACTED] 62	Dr Lic: [REDACTED]		Address: 138 BEECH ST
Race: W	Sex: F	Phone: () -	City: NUTLEY, NJ 07110-2116