



Highlands Police Department

151 NAVESINK AVE; HIGHLANDS PD HIGHLANDS , NJ 07732
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Officer Report for Incident 23HL01459

Nature: DWI

Address: 360 NAVESINK AVE;
HIGHLANDS ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL
HIGHLANDS NJ 07732

Location: P17

Offense Codes: DUI

Received By: Kunz, H

How Received: O

Agency: P17

Responding Officers: McGrath, C, Connor, K, Blewett, J

Responsible Officer: McGrath, C

Disposition: CAA 03/01/23

When Reported: 01:42:02 03/01/23

Occurred Between: 01:42:02 03/01/23 and 01:42:02 03/01/23

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: DUI DUI Alcohol or Drugs

Additional Offense: DUI DUI Alcohol or Drugs

Circumstances

Responding Officers:

McGrath, C

Connor, K

Blewett, J

Unit :

P17034

P17060

P17037

Responsible Officer: McGrath, C

Agency: P17

Received By: Kunz, H

Last Radio Log: 03:26:24 03/01/23 C

How Received: O Ofcr. Initiated

Clearance: RR Report Required

When Reported: 01:42:02 03/01/23

Disposition: CAA **Date:** 03/01/23

Judicial Status:

Occurred between: 01:42:02 03/01/23

Misc Entry:

and: 01:42:02 03/01/23

Statute:	Description :	Method :
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Involvements

Date	Type	Description	
03/01/23	Name	BONOVITCH, LAUREN M	Offender
03/01/23	Citation	Moving Violation	Citation
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03/01/23	Citation	Moving Violation	Citation
03/01/23	Citation	Moving Violation	Citation
03/01/23	Offense	Under Influence Drugs; Alcohol - 1 count	Charged With
03/01/23	Vehicle	RED 2012 HYUN ACC NJ	Vehicle
03/01/23	Cad Call	01:42:02 03/01/23 DWI	Initiating Call
03/01/23		[No description]	Impounded

Narrative

On 03/01/23 at approximately 0142 hrs, I was traveling Northbound in a marked patrol vehicle on State Highway Rt 36 when I observed a red Hyundai fail to maintain its lane. I followed behind the vehicle as it went over the fog line on the shoulder and corrected back into the lane of travel. It was at this time that I activated my overhead lights and initiated a motor vehicle stop with the vehicle. Once out of my vehicle I activated my body worn camera (BWC) and approached the vehicle.

Once at the vehicle I made contact with the driver who was later identified as Lauren Bonovitch. Bonovitch had her driver's license already in hand but began to search for her other documents as I introduced myself and explained the reason for the stop. I asked Bonovitch where she was going and she stated Quickchek. I asked her for her insurance information and she stated it was on her phone. While speaking to Bonovitch I could smell a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage emanating from the vehicle. Bonovitch's face was flushed and her eyes appeared to be bloodshot.

I asked Bonovitch if there was anything wrong with her license to which she indicated that she had an open ticket in Fair Haven. It was at this time that I checked Bonovitch's license with Monmouth County Radio Room and asked Bonovitch to exit the vehicle to have her conduct Standard Field Sobriety Tests (SFST's) to see if she should be operating a motor vehicle. I had Bonovitch step out of the vehicle to the sidewalk that was free of debris and was a flat, unobstructed surface.

The first SFST that I conducted with Bonovitch was Horizontal Gaze Nystagmus (HGN). During this test I continued to smell the strong odor of an alcoholic beverage emanating from Bonovitch. My pre-test observations were that she had equal pupil size and tracking in her eyes. Both of her eyes appeared to be dilated. Bonovitch stated that she has [REDACTED] and takes medication for the condition. When I asked Bonovitch what medication she takes, she stated that she takes [REDACTED] and sometimes [REDACTED] both of which should not be taken with alcohol. I had to conduct the test several times as Bonovitch continuously did not follow my directions. Once I was able to thoroughly perform the test, I observed lack of smooth pursuit, distinct and sustained nystagmus at maximum deviation, and the onset of nystagmus prior to 45 degrees for a total of six clues of impairment.

The second SFST I conducted with Bonovitch was the Walk and Turn (WAT). I placed Bonovitch in the starting position with her right foot in front of her left, her feet touching heel to toe and her arms at her side. I told her not to begin the test until I advised her to. Bonovitch could not stay in the starting position. She broke her feet apart for balance and raised her arms to assist her with balance. Once she started the test, Bonovitch took 9 steps, several of which were not heel to toe. She then turned not as instructed, and took 9 steps back while not stepping heel to toe as instructed.

The third SFST I conducted with Bonovitch was the One Leg Stand (OLS). I placed Bonovitch in the starting position and advised her not to begin the test until I instructed her to. Bonovitch had to be told several times to put her foot down and to get back into the starting position as she began the test before I was done giving her the instructions. Bonovitch stated that "I need to practice the test so that I don't fuck up". Once I was finished explaining and demonstrating the test to Bonovitch she proceeded to raise her right leg off the ground, counted not as instructed and raised her arms for balance.

I conducted one more test with Bonovitch which was the Lack of Convergence (LOC) test. I explained the test to Bonovitch and conducted it twice with her. When I brought the stimulus to the bridge of her nose as I indicated that I would to her, her left eye was unable to converge on the stimulus both times.

Based on her operation of a motor vehicle and Bonovitch's SFST's I advised her that I would be placing her under arrest for Driving While Intoxicated. Bonovitch was placed in double locked handcuffs and placed in the rear of Patrol Vehicle 1709. Once back at Highlands Police Headquarters, Bonovitch was read her Miranda Rights to which she declined to speak with us during questioning. She was then read the Standard Statement for Motor Vehicle Operators by Patrolman Connor to which she refused to give a sample of her breath. She was then read the statement again which advised her that her answer was unacceptable and that she needed to provide a sample of her breath and she again refused to provide a sample. After she refused to provide a sample of her breath, Bonovitch stated to Patrolman Connor and I that she wanted to go to Monmouth Medical Center for [REDACTED] I asked her again and she stated that she wanted to go to [REDACTED] and that she needed help. It was at this time that I had Patrolman Connor transport Bonovitch to Monmouth Medical Center to be evaluated. Bonovitch was given a court date in Highlands Municipal Court and was charged with the following:

- 39:4-50 Driving While Intoxicated
- 39:4-96 Reckless Driving
- 39:4-88 Marked Lanes
- 39:4-50.4a Refusal to Submit to Breath Testing

Sgt. McGrath #34

Supplement

03:26:24 03/01/2023 - Kunz, H

CAD Call info/comments

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01:45:56 03/01/23 - Kunz, H - From: McGrath, C
1 OUT TESTING

01:52:22 03/01/23 - Kunz, H - From: Blewett, J
10-4

01:52:50 03/01/23 - Kunz, H
LAUREN BONOVTCH ██████████ 86 - NEG ALL AROUND

01:54:12 03/01/23 - Kunz, H - From: Connor, K
1 41 JOHNS LAW - REQ TOW

01:56:45 03/01/23 - Kunz, H
HENNESSEYS NTFD

01:58:21 03/01/23 - Kunz, H - From: Connor, K
TRNS FEMALE 41 TO HQ SM 24406 - BODY CAM ACTIVE

02:00:56 03/01/23 - Kunz, H - From: Connor, K
EM 24407

02:03:18 03/01/23 - Kunz, H - From: Connor, K
START 20 MIN OBSERVATION

02:19:50 03/01/23 - Kunz, H - From: Blewett, J
TOW ON LOC

02:23:41 03/01/23 - Kunz, H - From: Blewett, J
17 HAS VEHICLE

02:28:02 03/01/23 - Kunz, H - From: Connor, K
TRNS FEMALE FROM HQ TO RIVERVIEW SM 24407 - BODY CAM ACTIVE

02:29:23 03/01/23 - Kunz, H - From: Connor, K
TRNS TO MONMOUTH MEDICAL INSTEAD

02:40:20 03/01/23 - Kunz, H - From: Connor, K
EM 24415

03:26:07 03/01/23 - Kunz, H
Nature change from STOP to DWI

Vehicles

Vehicle Number:

503423

License Plate: B73KUG

State: NJ

Vehicle Year: 2012

Make: HYUN Hyundai

Color: RED /

Vehicle Type: PCAR Passenger Car

License Type:

Expires: 12/31/23

VIN: KMHCT5AE2CU02296

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Model: ACC

Doors: 0

Value: \$0.00

Owner:

Last:

First:

Mid:

DOB: **/**/**

Dr Lic:

Address:

Race:

Sex:

Phone:

City: ,

Agency:

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

Officer:

Area:

UCR Status:

Wrecker Service:

Local Status:

Storage Location:

Status Date: **/**/**

Release Date: **/**/**

Comments:

Name Involvements:

Offender : 683529

Last: BONOVTCH

First: LAUREN

Mid: M

DOB: [REDACTED]86

Dr Lic: [REDACTED]

Address: 115 NAVESINK AVE APT B

Race: U

Sex: F

Phone: ()-

City: HIGHLANDS, NJ 07732-1865