



Highlands Police Department

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Officer Report for Incident 24HL07534

Nature: DWI
Location: P17

Address: BAY AVE & CENTRAL AVE
HIGHLANDS NJ 07732

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

Received By: Carew, K

How Received: O

Agency: P17

Responding Officers: Curley, N, O'Donnell, K, Hartsgrove, T

Responsible Officer: Curley, N

Disposition: CAA 10/08/24

When Reported: 19:29:56 10/08/24

Occurred Between: 19:29:52 10/08/24 and 19:29:52 10/08/24

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: TAMV Motor Vehicle Accident

Observed:

Additional Offense: DUI DUI Alcohol or Drugs

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Circumstances

Responding Officers:

Unit :

Curley, N

P17039

O'Donnell, K

P17032

Hartsgrove, T

P17028

Responsible Officer: Curley, N

Agency: P17

Received By: Carew, K

Last Radio Log: 23:15:02 10/08/24 C

How Received: O Ofcr. Initiated

Clearance: RR Report Required

When Reported: 19:29:56 10/08/24**Disposition:** CAA **Date:** 10/08/24**Judicial Status:****Occurred between:** 19:29:52 10/08/24**Misc Entry:****and:** 19:29:52 10/08/24**Statute:****Description :****Method :****Involvements**

Date	Type	Description	
10/08/24	Name	MOSS, LISA J	Victim
10/08/24	Name	CHRISTIE, ROSANNE M	Victim
10/08/24	Name	FAJARDO, VANESSA L	Offender
10/08/24	Citation	Moving Violation	Citation
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10/08/24	Offense	Under Influence Drugs; Alcohol - 1 count	Charged With
10/08/24	Offense	Reckless Driving - 1 count	Charged With
10/08/24	Offense	Marked Lanes - 1 count	Charged With
10/08/24	Offense	Rates Of Speed - 1 count	Charged With
10/08/24	Offense	Cell Phone Violation - 1 count	Charged With
10/08/24	Offense	Failure to use headlights - 1 count	Charged With
10/08/24	Offense	Fail To Poss Driv Ins Card - 1 count	Charged With
10/08/24	Accident	24HLA0083	Related Incident
10/08/24	Vehicle	RED 2017 JEEP WRA NJ	Vehicle
10/08/24	Vehicle	SIL 2002 CHRY SEB NJ	Vehicle
10/08/24	Vehicle	WHI 2023 TOYT RAV MD	Vehicle
10/08/24	Cad Call	19:29:56 10/08/24 MVA FIRE BLS	Initiating Call
10/14/24		[No description]	Impounded

Narrative

See NJTR-1 for Crash Report

On 10/8/24 at approximately 19:29 hrs, I was traveling east bound in my K9 vehicle on Bay Ave, when I observed a white 2023 Toyota, bearing MD registration 6FL5895, drive past me traveling west bound on Bay Ave at approximately 50 MPH, where the posted speed limit is 25 MPH, with no headlights on, and failing to maintain its lane. At this time I turned around to conduct the motor vehicle stop. I began to call out the motor vehicle stop to dispatch and as I was turning on my emergency warning lights, the vehicle swerved right, and crashed into the rear of a parked red Jeep Wrangler, NJ registration SHB56X, which was then pushed into the rear of a parked silver Chrysler Sebring, NJ registration A75SMN, and up over the curb. It should be noted that the driver did not attempt to utilize their breaks or slow down prior to the accident.

The driver, Vanessa Fajardo, exited the vehicle and came running towards me, crying, and not wearing any shoes. Fajardo stated that she did not realize she was speeding and that she was looking at her phone when the accident occurred. At this time Lt. Siegle, Sgt. O'Donnell and Ptl. Hartsgrove arrived on scene to assist. Fajardo later admitted to Ptl. Hartsgrove that she was traveling at 45 MPH, 20 MPH over the posted speed limit. As I was speaking with Fajardo I could smell a strong odor of alcoholic beverage coming from her person. Fajardo's eyes also appeared to be bloodshot and watery. Fajardo denied consuming alcoholic beverages this evening. Fajardo's demeanor was sporadic and would go from calm and cooperative, to crying and upset, to uncooperative and demanding. Due to the nature of the accident and the possibility for injuries, I requested first aid be dispatched to the scene to assess Fajardo as a precaution.

Fajardo was advised that we would be conducting Standard Field Sobriety Testing (SFSTs) and would be instructing her to perform a series of tests. See Sgt. O'Donnell's supplemental report for SFST observations.

Fajardo was advised that she was being placed under arrest for driving while intoxicated and placed in double locked handcuff's behind her back. Fajardo was escorted to the rear of patrol vehicle 1709 for transport to headquarters for processing. Fajardo's vehicle was impounded for John's law and towed by Johnny U's Towing. The red jeep wrangler was also unable to be safely operated after the accident and towed from the scene as well.

Fajardo's vehicle was searched incident to arrest for evidence of intoxicants. A search of Fajardo's vehicle yielded negative results. It should be noted that prior to the conclusion of field sobriety testing, I entered Fajardo's vehicle to turn off the ignition. Highlands Fire Department also entered the vehicle to place it into neutral in order to push it back further from the Jeep Wrangler so that they could access the engine compartment. All entries into the vehicle were recorded on body worn camera BWC, and no search of the vehicle was conducted prior to Fajardo being placed under arrest.

Once at police headquarters, Fajardo was read her Miranda Warning and stated "No" when asked if she wished to speak with us. The 20 minute observation period was started. During the observation period Fajardo did not consume anything by mouth, burp or vomit. Fajardo was then read the NJ Attorney General Standard Statement for Motor Vehicle Operators. Fajardo replied "no" when asked if she would submit samples of her breath. When advised that her answer was not acceptable and that the law requires that she submit samples of her breath for testing, Fajardo replied "no, I will fight it in court," when asked again if she would submit samples for breath testing. After a few minutes, Fajardo stated

that she changed her mind and agreed to breath testing. Sgt. O'Donnell operated the Alcotest and Fajardo successfully submitted samples of her breath. Fajardo's %BAC was 0.19

Fajardo was issued the following summons:

39:4-50 DWI 1317-E24-001036
39:4-96 Reckless Driving 1317-E24-001037
39:4-88 Marked Lanes 1317-E24-001038
39:4-98 Rates of Speed 1317-E24-001039
39:4-97.3 Cell Phone Use 1317-E24-001040
39:3-47a Failure to Use Headlights 1317-E24-001041
39:3-29C Failure to Provide Driver Insurance Card 1317-E24-001042

After processing Fajardo was released to a sober party.

Nothing further at this time.

Ptl. N. Curley #39

Supplement

23:15:02 10/08/2024 - Davis, Sh

CAD Call info/comments

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19:30:36 10/08/24 - Carew, K
Nature change from MV ACCIDENT to MVA BLS
19:30:45 10/08/24 - Carew, K
REQ BLS FOR PRECAUTIONARY
19:33:51 10/08/24 - Carew, K - From: Curley, N
EDITED 1 CAR VS 2 PARKED CARS
19:38:34 10/08/24 - Passeggio, R
17-21 2nd
19:38:38 10/08/24 - Carew, K
JOHNNY US NTFD FOR 2 TOWS
19:38:47 10/08/24 - Carew, K
Nature change from MVA BLS to MVA FIRE BLS
19:39:36 10/08/24 - Carew, K - From: Hartsgrove, T
BWC DIED

19:48:58 10/08/24 - Carew, K
VANESSA FAJARDO [REDACTED] NEG FOR WARRANTS - DL VALID 0 PTS
20:00:12 10/08/24 - Carew, K - From: O'Donnell, K
FEMALE 41 FOR 450

20:01:12 10/08/24 - Carew, K - From: O'Donnell, K
28S BWC DIED

20:02:19 10/08/24 - Carew, K - From: Hartsgrove, T
TRANSPORTING 41 TO HQ - S/M 56422 - USING 32S BWC

20:06:23 10/08/24 - Carew, K - From: Hartsgrove, T
AT HQ - E/M 56423

20:17:54 10/08/24 - Carew, K - From: O'Donnell, K
20 MIN OBSERVATION START

Supplement

18:31:44 10/09/2024 - O'Donnell, K

See Ptl. Curley's report for details.

On October 8, 2024, at approximately 19:29 hours, I responded to the area of Bay Avenue and Central Avenue for a reported motor vehicle crash. Upon arrival, I was requested to conduct Standard Field Sobriety Tests (SFSTs) on the driver of the involved vehicle, later identified as Vanessa Fajardo.

I escorted Fajardo to a nearby open parking lot that was level and free of debris to ensure safe testing conditions.

The first SFST administered was the Horizontal Gaze Nystagmus (HGN). During the pre-test observations, I noted that Fajardo had equal pupil size and exhibited equal tracking in both eyes. While conducting the test, I detected the odor of an alcoholic beverage emanating from her person. Fajardo displayed six indicators of impairment, including a lack of smooth pursuit, distinct and sustained nystagmus at maximum deviation, and the onset of nystagmus prior to 45 degrees.

The second SFST administered was the Walk and Turn Test (WAT). After providing instructions and demonstrating the test, I advised Fajardo not to begin until told to do so. Fajardo acknowledged understanding the instructions but started the test prematurely. During the test, Fajardo took thirteen steps, failing to walk heel to toe as instructed. Upon returning, she began counting at "fourteen" and continued to count inaccurately. Notably, Fajardo took fourteen steps in total on the return when she was instructed to take only nine.

The third SFST administered was the One-Leg Stand (OLS). After completing the instructions and demonstration, Fajardo indicated that she understood. She raised her right leg and counted to "one thousand nine" before lowering her foot and inquiring if she should continue. I instructed her to continue until told to stop. Fajardo raised her leg again but failed to count correctly. Additionally, she did not look down at her feet or keep her hands at her sides as instructed.

I asked Fajardo about her highest level of education, and she stated she attended Montclair State University. I then requested she recite the English alphabet from A to Z without singing. Fajardo indicated she could complete the task; however, she was unable to recite the alphabet correctly.

Based on my observations and the multiple indicators of impairment observed during the SFSTs, I determined that Fajardo was under the influence of alcohol. I informed Fajardo she was under arrest for operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol. She was placed in double-locked handcuffs behind her back without incident and secured in the rear of marked unit 1709 for transport to headquarters.

Sgt. Kevin James O'Donnell17032

Vehicles

Vehicle Number:**682638****License Plate:** SHB56X**State:** NJ**Vehicle Year:** 2017**Make:** JEEP Jeep**Color:** RED /**Vehicle Type:** PCAR Passenger Car**License Type:****Expires:** 07/31/25**VIN:** 1C4BJWEG0HL546502**Model:** WRA**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:****Vehicle Number:****745872****License Plate:** A75SMN**State:** NJ**Vehicle Year:** 2002**Make:** CHRY Chrysler**Color:** SIL /**Vehicle Type:** PCAR Passenger Car**License Type:** PC Regular Passenger Automobile**Expires:** 08/31/25**VIN:** 1C3AL46X62N183096**Model:** SEB**Doors:** 0**Value:** \$0.00**Owner:****Last:** MOSS**First:** LISA**Mid:** J**DOB:** [REDACTED] 70**Dr Lic:** [REDACTED]**Address:** 11 BRISTOL COURT**Race:** W **Sex:** F**Phone:** () -**City:** ANNANDALE, NJ 08801-3466**Agency:****Date Recov/Rcvd:** **/**/****Officer:****Area:****UCR Status:****Wrecker Service:****Local Status:****Storage Location:****Status Date:** **/**/****Release Date:** **/**/****Comments:**

Vehicle Number:**839808****License Plate:** 6FL5895**State:** MD**Vehicle Year:** 2023**Make:** TOYT Toyota**Color:** WHI /**Vehicle Type:** 01 Car/Station
Wagon/Minivan**License Type:** RV Rented Veh or Trailer**Expires:** 07/31/25**VIN:** 2T3W1RFV7PW280651**Model:** RAV**Doors:** 4**Value:** \$0.00**Owner:****Last:** EAN**First:****Mid:**

HOLDINGS

DOB: **/**/****Dr Lic:****Address:** 701 WEDEMAN AVE**Race:** **Sex:****Phone:** () -**City:** LINTHICUM, MD 21090**Agency:****Date Recov/Rcvd:** **/**/****Officer:****Area:****UCR Status:****Wrecker Service:****Local Status:****Storage Location:****Status Date:** **/**/****Release Date:** **/**/****Comments:**

Name Involvements:**Offender :** 1180046**Last:** FAJARDO**DOB:** [REDACTED] 90**Race:** **Sex:** F**First:** VANESSA**Dr Lic:** [REDACTED]**Phone:** () -**Mid:** L**Address:** 47 LINDEN AVE**City:** LINCOLN PARK, NJ
07035-2545**Victim :** 1013160**Last:** CHRISTIE**DOB:** [REDACTED] 68**Race:** W **Sex:** F**First:** ROSANNE**Dr Lic:** [REDACTED]**Phone:** () -**Mid:** M**Address:** 61 4TH ST**City:** HIGHLANDS, NJ 07732**Victim :** 597588**Last:** MOSS**DOB:** [REDACTED] 70**Race:** W **Sex:** F**First:** LISA**Dr Lic:** [REDACTED]**Phone:** () -**Mid:** J**Address:** 11 BRISTOL COURT**City:** ANNANDALE, NJ 08801-3466