



Highlands Police Department

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Officer Report for Incident 23HL02929

Nature: DWI
Location: P17

Address: SR 36 N & LINDEN AVE
HIGHLANDS NJ 07732

Offense Codes: DMVO, DMVO, DMVO, DUI

Received By: Palumbo, D

How Received: O

Agency: P17

Responding Officers: Connor, K, Blewett, J

Responsible Officer: Connor, K

Disposition: CAA 04/22/23

When Reported: 01:01:25 04/22/23

Occurred Between: 01:01:25 04/22/23 and 01:01:25 04/22/23

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:

Additional Offense: DMVO DMVO

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Additional Offense: DUI DUI Alcohol or Drugs

Circumstances

BWC Body Worn Camera

Responding Officers:

Unit :

Connor, K

P17060

Blewett, J

P17037

Responsible Officer: Connor, K

Agency: P17

Received By: Palumbo, D

Last Radio Log: 02:41:34 04/22/23 C

How Received: O Ofcr. Initiated

Clearance: RR Report Required

When Reported: 01:01:25 04/22/23

Disposition: CAA **Date:** 04/22/23

Judicial Status:

Occurred between: 01:01:25 04/22/23

Misc Entry:

and: 01:01:25 04/22/23

| Statute: | Description : | Method : |
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| 39 Violation | Title 39 Violations | 39:4-50 |
| 39 Violation | Title 39 Violations | 39:4-96 |
| 39 Violation | Title 39 Violations | 39:4-88 |
| 39 Violation | Title 39 Violations | 39:4-50.4 |

Involvements

| Date | Type | Description | |
|-------------|-------------|--|-----------------|
| 04/22/23 | Name | RODRIGUEZ, ZENIA B | Offender |
| 04/22/23 | Citation | Moving Violation | Citation |
| 04/22/23 | Citation | Moving Violation | Citation |
| 04/22/23 | Citation | Moving Violation | Citation |
| 04/22/23 | Citation | Moving Violation | Citation |
| 04/22/23 | Citation | Moving Violation | Citation |
| 04/22/23 | Offense | Marked Lanes - 1 count | Charged With |
| 04/22/23 | Offense | Reckless Driving - 1 count | Charged With |
| 04/22/23 | Offense | REFUSAL TO SUBMIT TO CHEMICAL - 1 count | Charged With |
| 04/22/23 | Offense | Under Influence Drugs; Alcohol - 1 count | Charged With |
| 04/22/23 | Vehicle | WHI 2009 HOND ACC NJ | Vehicle History |
| 04/22/23 | Cad Call | 01:01:25 04/22/23 DWI | Initiating Call |
| 04/22/23 | | [No description] | Impounded |

Narrative

On 4/22/2023 at approximately 0101 hours, I was on patrol in a marked patrol vehicle traveling Northbound on State Route 36 in the Borough of Highlands, NJ. While traveling Northbound on State Route 36, I observed a white 4-door vehicle bearing NJ Registration Y67CJF traveling in the right lane at a slow rate of speed. While following the vehicle, I observed it fail to maintain its lane multiple times. I then activated my emergency lights and siren system to initiate a motor vehicle stop. The vehicle then came to a complete stop on State Route 36 North and Linden Avenue.

Once stopped, I activated my body worn camera (BWC) and approached the vehicle from the driver side. I could smell the odor of an alcoholic beverage coming from the vehicle. I requested the operator's documents. As she retrieved them, her hand movements were slow. She provided me with a valid NJ license (NJ R60947956259861) which identified the driver as Zenia Rodriguez, a valid registration card, and a valid insurance card. I observed her eyes to be watery. I then asked Rodriguez where she was coming from to which she replied "Proving Ground". I then asked her how much she had to drink to which she replied "one drink". At this time, Patrolman Joseph Blewett arrived on location to assist me.

At this time, I had Rodriguez exit the vehicle and walk to the sidewalk to perform the Standard Field Sobriety Tests (SFSTs). The sidewalk was level and clear of debris. It should be noted that the SFSTs were also conducted on the roadway as well which was on a slight decline and clear of debris. At this time, I asked Rodriguez if she knew the English alphabet to which she said "yes". Rodriguez was told to recite the alphabet from A to Z without singing it. Rodriguez could not complete the alphabet correctly after given multiple opportunities to do so.

The First SFST Rodriguez was instructed and demonstrated in completing was the Walk and Turn Test (WAT). Rodriguez was placed in the starting position and instructed not to begin the test until she was told to do so. Upon completion of the instructions and demonstration, Rodriguez stated that she understood the test. It should be noted that Rodriguez could not stay in the starting position throughout my demonstration like instructed to do so. Rodriguez began the SFST. Rodriguez took 9 steps down the line, stopped and asked if she was right and then turned back and finished the other nine steps. Throughout the test, Rodriguez did not touch heel to toe, she used arms for balance and did not count her steps out loud like instructed to do so. Rodriguez was then instructed and demonstrated the test once again. Rodriguez once again, did not touch heel to toe, she used arms for balance and did not count her steps out loud like instructed to do so.

The Second SFST Rodriguez was instructed and demonstrated was the One Leg Stand (OLS). Rodriguez was instructed not to start the test until she was told to do so. Upon completion of the instructions and demonstration, Rodriguez stated that she understood the test. Rodriguez began the test. It should be noted that Rodriguez did not keep her hands down to her sides and placed her foot on the ground for balance multiple times to which she was instructed not to do so. I then re-demonstrated the test for Rodriguez. Rodriguez once again used her arms for balance and placed her foot down for balance multiple times to which she was instructed not to do so. It should be noted that Rodriguez attempted the test approximately two more times and both times she used her arms for balance and placed her foot down multiple times to which she was not instructed to do so.

My observations of Rodriguez, and the clues of impairment during her SFSTs, were

consistent with indicators present in a subject under the influence of alcohol. I advised Rodriguez that she was being placed under arrest for operating a motor vehicle under the influence and placed in double locked handcuffs behind her back without incident. Rodriguez was then searched for officer safety and placed in the rear of marked patrol vehicle 1706 for transport to the Atlantic Highlands Police Department.

During the transport to the Atlantic Highlands Police Department, the inside of my vehicle filled with the odor of an alcoholic beverage. Once at the Atlantic Highlands Police Department, Detective Travis Morgan started the 20-minute observation. Rodriguez was read her Miranda Rights and the Standard Statement for Motor Vehicle Operators (N.J.S.A. 39:4-50.2(e)). Rodriguez signed the Miranda Warning and indicated that she understood her rights but did not wish to speak. Rodriguez was then explained that the law requires her to submit samples of her breath and her answer was "No". Rodriguez was then explained that her answer was not acceptable and that the law requires her to submit samples of her breath for testing. If she does not answer, or answer with anything other than "yes" she would be charged with refusal. Rodriguez was then asked again if she would submit to breath testing and her answer was "No". Reference case #23AH05329 for further information. I then transported Rodriguez back to the Highlands Police Department to await completion of her charges.

After processing, Rodriguez was released to a sober party with a pending court appearance in the Highlands Municipal court. The vehicle was towed from the scene by Johnny U's Towing for the mandatory John's Law impound.

Rodriguez was issued the following summons,

1317E23000341 - DWI
1317E23000340 - Refusal
1317E23000339 - Failing to Maintain Lane
1317E23000338 - Reckless Driving

Nothing further to report,

Patrolman Kevin M. Connor #1760

Supplement

02:41:34 04/22/2023 - Palumbo, D

CAD Call info/comments

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01:04:02 04/22/23 - Palumbo, D - From: Connor, K
RUN RO // ONE OUT FOR TESTING

01:08:24 04/22/23 - Palumbo, D
zenia rodriguez neg ats, acs and ncic

01:13:27 04/22/23 - Palumbo, D - From: Blewett, J
10-4

01:21:12 04/22/23 - Palumbo, D - From: Connor, K
FEM 41 // IMPOUND FOR JOHNS LAW

01:21:23 04/22/23 - Palumbo, D
units 10-4

01:23:49 04/22/23 - Palumbo, D - From: Connor, K
TRAN 1 FEM 41 TO PD 85 SM 55722 BODY CAM ON

01:28:09 04/22/23 - Palumbo, D - From: Connor, K
ARRIVED AT PD85 EM 55274

01:28:23 04/22/23 - Palumbo, D
JOHNNY US TOWING ntfd for impound

01:28:50 04/22/23 - Palumbo, D - From: Connor, K
TRANS 1 FEM 41 TO PD 85 SM 55722 BODY CAM ON

01:30:58 04/22/23 - Palumbo, D - From: Connor, K
20 MIN OBS

01:44:44 04/22/23 - Palumbo, D - From: Blewett, J
TRANSPORTING PASSENGER FROM STOP TO HQ SM 569569

01:45:14 04/22/23 - Palumbo, D - From: Blewett, J
10-17 CLRD WITH VEH

01:47:05 04/22/23 - Palumbo, D - From: Blewett, J
TRANSPORTING PASSENGER FROM STOP TO HQ SM 569

01:47:31 04/22/23 - Palumbo, D - From: Blewett, J
ARRIVED AT HQ EM 570

01:52:37 04/22/23 - Palumbo, D - From: Connor, K
TRANS BACK TO HQ SM 55724 BODY CAM ON

01:55:55 04/22/23 - Palumbo, D - From: Connor, K
BODY CAM IS MALFUNCTIONING

01:59:02 04/22/23 - Palumbo, D - From: Connor, K
ARRIVED AT HQ EM 55728

02:41:02 04/22/23 - Palumbo, D
Nature change from STOP to DWI

Vehicles**Vehicle Number:**

712260

License Plate: Y67CJF**State:** NJ**Vehicle Year:** 2009**Make:** HOND Honda**Color:** WHI /**Vehicle Type:** PCAR Passenger Car**License Type:****Expires:** 07/31/25**VIN:** JHMCP26309C014089**Model:** ACC**Doors:** 0**Value:** \$0.00**Owner:****Last:** RODRIGUEZ**First:** ZENIA**Mid:** B**DOB:** [REDACTED] 86**Dr Lic:** [REDACTED]**Address:** 715 EAST 2ND AVE**Race:** L**Sex:** F**Phone:** () -**City:** ROSELLE, NJ 07203-1603**Agency:****Date Recov/Rcvd:** **/**/****Officer:****Area:****UCR Status:****Wrecker Service:****Local Status:****Storage Location:****Status Date:** **/**/****Release Date:** 04/22/23**Comments:**

Name Involvements:

Offender : 1045663

Last: RODRIGUEZ

First: ZENIA

Mid: B

DOB: [REDACTED] 86

Dr Lic: [REDACTED]

Address: 715 EAST 2ND AVE

Race: L

Sex: F

Phone: () -

City: ROSELLE, NJ 07203-1603